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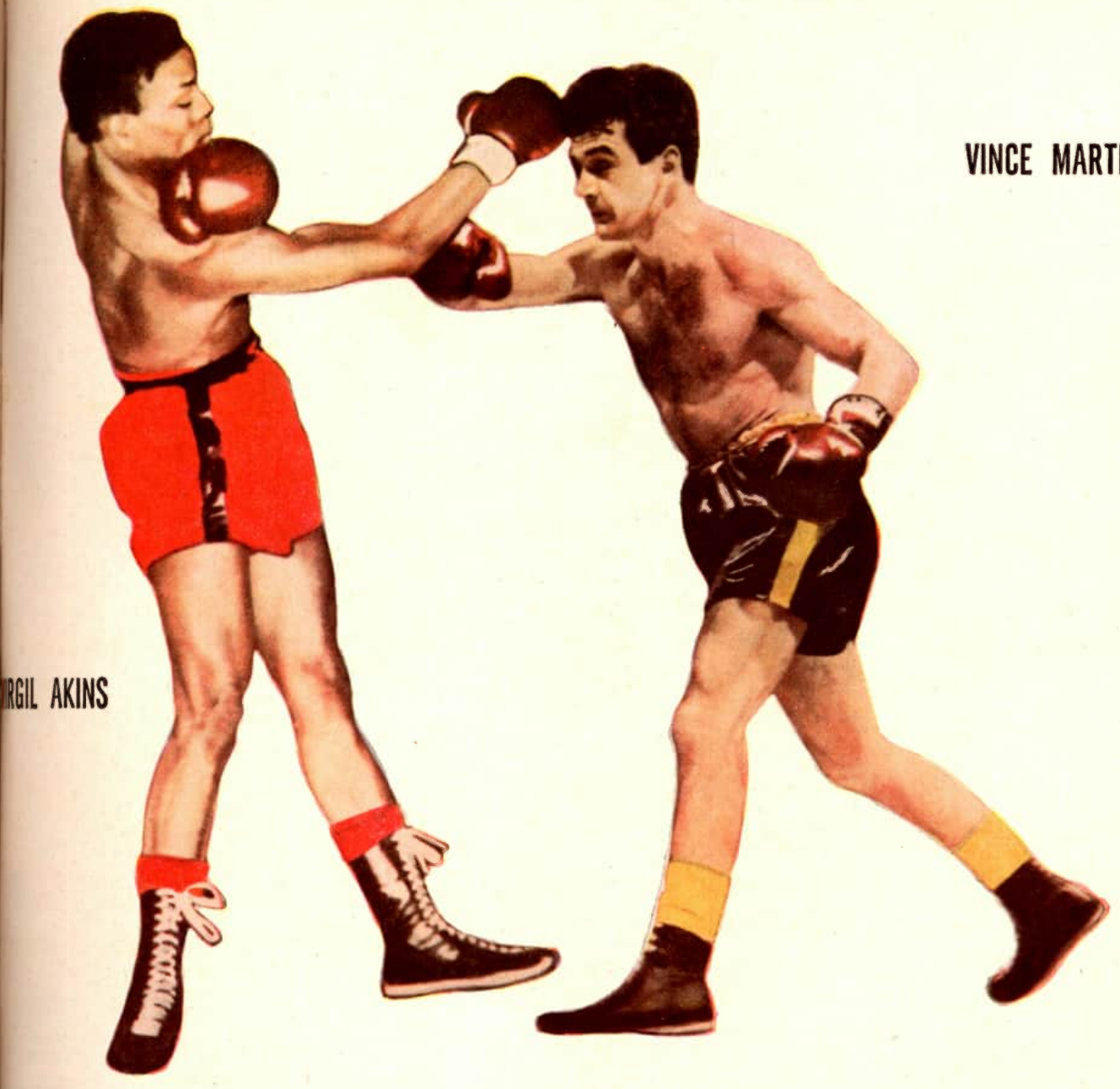

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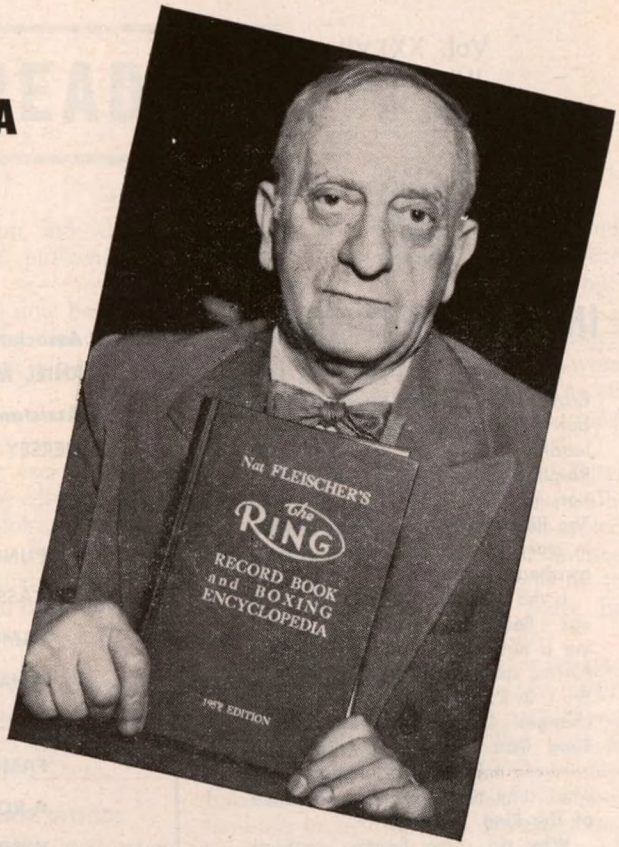

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World lightweight champion Joey Brown has defended his title a number of times, but never against a leading contender. His bout with Ralph Dupas on May 7 at Houston puts him to his first real test and The Ring brings you all the details, in story and picture, of that long-awaited contest.

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NO MORE DUCKING

Dear Editor:

I want to congratulate you and your staff for the fine world boxing coverage you give your readers. In these dark days for boxing, it is a pleasure to see how much material you gather to keep up the interest.

I would like to express my opinion about the heavyweight situation. In a recent letter to the Editor, Cus D'Amato states that he will not permit Floyd Patterson to box Eddie Machen, Willie Pastrano or any other heavyweight who at any time has fought under the Norris banner. He says *"certainly Patterson cannot be accused of ducking any one".*

In this I must disagree. What else can we call such action by D'Amato? Surely D'Amato must fear defeat by one of those he names, otherwise he would have no objection letting Floyd fight in a title defense against Machen, Folley or Pastrano.

B. M. Hitch, New Haven, Conn.

FIGHTING SECURITY

Dear Sir:

I have been an ardent follower of The Ring and boxing for many years and I have carefully studied the conditions of retired fighters. Don't you think it would be worthwhile for this magazine to start a campaign to obtain security for retired fighters?

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Baseball, football and now basketball have come in for special pension funds.

Floyd Espinoza, Orice, Utah.

JUST FOR THE RECORD

Dear Mr. Fleischer:

Let me congratulate you and your staff on your recent fine edition of the "1958 Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia".

It is evident that many long and hard hours were spent in compiling and preparing the information used in this fine publication.

I do not believe such effort which bears fruit in this excellent piece of literature should go unheralded.

Gabriel Ruta, Glenville, Conn.

PHOTO SAYS MORE THAN WORDS

As a loyal boxing fan, I want to humbly poise a suggestion that Rocky Marciano remain in the cloister of undefeated former heavyweight champions and not attempt a comeback. He should remain in retirement. Ex-GI Marciano is a credit to organized boxing, a high-class man of immovable principles and moral superiority. This reader was overjoyed to see a photo of "Rocky" humbly on bended knee kissing the ring of a Roman Catholic Bishop. This photo inspired me and I wish I had a regular sized photo of it suitable for framing in my humble store in New Jersey. "Rocky" Marciano is a credit to America. This one picture is worth perhaps millions of words.

Vince Salerno, Woodlynne, N. J.

CORBETT MOST ENTERTAINING

Jim Corbett was the most entertaining person I ever met during fifty years of active newspaper writing. Spent much time with him and never could get enough of his stories, told with a delightful Irish brogue.

For many years I covered sports—prize fights, wrestling, football, etc. During twelve years with Hearst I started the only paper he ever owned which he did not buy. And was both editor and publisher.

Of recent years, being retired, I have been traveling over the world, writing newspaper travel stories.

But my chief interest is in sports.

Before he wrote "The Roar of the Crowd", Corbett told me of his many experiences. Later he explained why Jim Jeffries would not box with him after one bout, when training to fight Jack Johnson, although Corbett had been summoned to Reno for the specific purpose of preparing the White Hope.

Told me of the effect on Jeff when Delaney forced Johnson to send word that his promise to 'lay down' was off and that the ex-boilermaker would have to fight.

In San Francisco I learned of Peter Jackson's classic reply to John L. Sullivan, when W. W. Naughton, noted sports editor of Hearst's San Francisco Examiner, took him to bid goodby to Sullivan as he prepared to leave by ship for Australia for exhibitions.

While in Salt Lake City as managing editor of The Telegram a daily visitor to my office during training periods was Battling Nelson. When Bat was to fight the classy Spider Welch of San Francisco the Durable Dane did not have any money for food. He asked two brothers who owned a restaurant and who were rabid fight fans, if they would feed him on credit until he could get his purse. They did. The crowd pleaded with the referee to stop the bloody spectacle, for Nelson was a sorry sight. He told not only his seconds what he would do, if they tossed in the towel but warned the referee against ending the slaughter. The RING RECORD BOOK will tell you the outcome of that bout.

Edward A. Vandeventer, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

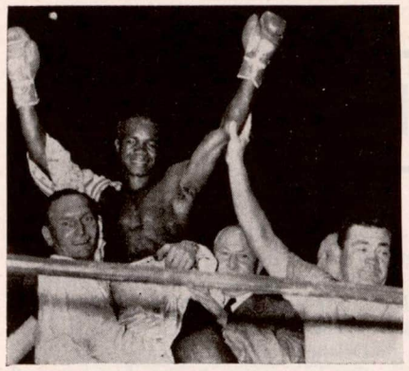
IMPARTIALITY

Dear Mr. Fleischer:

I, like many other boxing fans, am an avid fan of Sugar Ray Robinson. I have just received your May issue of Ring. May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your article on the Robinson-Basilio fight. Your account of this great fistic battle is the only unprejudiced account I've heard so far. The two worst boxing articles I have ever read were the accounts I read in newspapers on the fight.

They made Basilio out to be a great hero and Robinson to be a bum. I have nothing against Carmen Basilio, I think he has a lot of guts for even finishing the fight, but I also think that Robinson should get more credit. I am an amateur fighter and the day after the fight all the boys down at the gym were talking about it. The boys all felt that although Basilio fought a great fight, Sugar Ray looked great all through the fight.

Joe Kelly, Pittsburgh, Pa.



Happy, grinning Bassey is raised aloft by jubilant handlers as Referee Tommy Hart (right) declares him winner after knocking out Ricardo Moreno.

Featherweight King Demolishes Ricardo Moreno In Three Rounds Of Furious Battle In Los Angeles

BASSEY STILL CHAMPION

By BILL MILLER

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—It was an appropriate setting for a young bundle of ebony fighting fury, entitled Hogan (Kid) Bassey, to turn loose one of the most explosive efforts ever seen in a championship bout in Los Angeles. In three rounds (less two seconds) of devastating action, the world featherweight champion completely demolished his Mexican challenger, Ricardo (Pajarito) Moreno, before more than 20,000 howling fans in Wrigley Field.

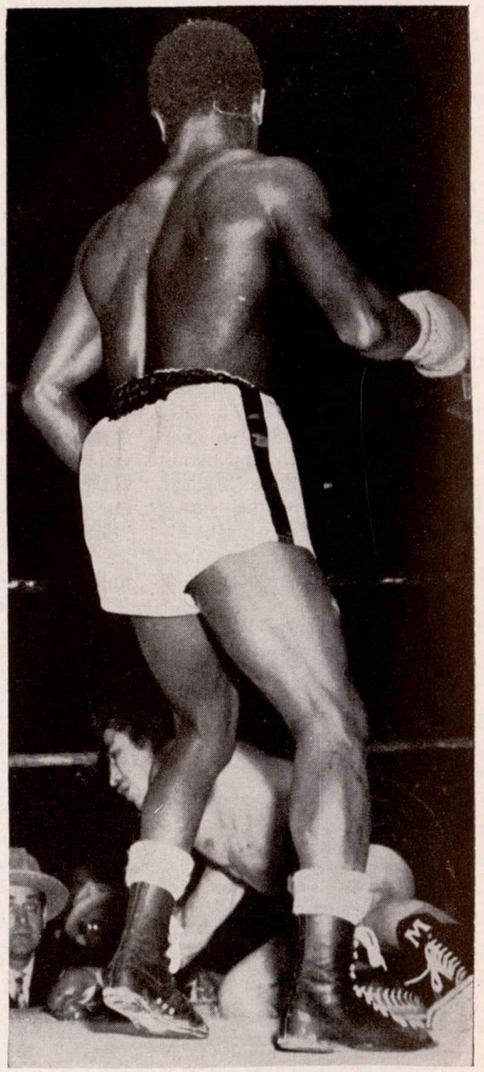
Bassey's spectacular performance cooperated with the prevailing climatic conditions, which could best be described as stormy. Not in years had California known such a spell of atrocious weather, with rains, gales, floods and landslides sweeping the entire state. Bassey's destructive violence was in keeping with Nature's turbulent mood.

Almost as surprising as Bassey's crushing victory over the dangerous Moreno (who had scored 29 knockouts in 33 starts) were the figures for attendance and receipts. It was an expensive gamble for the promoters, Cal and Aileen Eaton, and matchmaker George Parnassus. With the championship bout guaranteed $108,000—a record $70,000 for Bassey and $38,000 for Moreno—along with the cost of a strong supporting card, the rental of Wrigley Field, and the many other items that piled up in a big-time promotion of this sort, the show had to gross $200,000 to give the Eatons and Parnassus an even break on their daring venture. With favorable weather, it figured to draw a crowd of nearly 30,000 and a gross of $300,000. The weather, however, was anything but favorable. At 4 o'clock the afternoon of the bout, the cash in hand was only $150,000 and with the rain still coming down it looked as though the Eatons and Parnassus were in for a real "bath", figuratively and literally. A postponement seemed the only logical thing to do, but with no promise of improvement in weather conditions for the next few days, and considerate of the thousands of Moreno's rabid followers who had made the trip from Mexico, it was decided to go ahead with the show, even if the fighters had to battle through a driving downpour. A roof was erected over the ring, to protect the boys as much as possible.

LAST-MINUTE RUSH.

Suddenly, the elements gave the promoters a slight break. At 5 o'clock the rain halted, although ominous clouds overhead threatened a resumption at any moment.

At 8 o'clock, with the rain still staying away, an unexpected rush descended on the box-office of the ball park. More than $50,000 worth of tickets were sold in less than two hours. The official attendance was announced as 20,034 and the gross receipts as $215,047. With taxes deducted, the net was $184,567. The promotion may not have showed much of a profit, but at least it didn't lose anything.



Mexico's "Little Bird" falls a victim to Bassey's destructive sharpshooting in third round of featherweight title match in Los Angeles' Wrigley Field.

Moreno's crushing defeat by Bassey was the second bitter disappointment suffered by the excitable Mexican boxing public in world championship bouts in the same ring in four months. Last November 6 their bantamweight idol, Raul (Raton) Macias, was decisively beaten by Alphonse Halimi in a battle for the 118-pound laurels.

An interesting note connected with the Macias and Moreno defeats was that both were administered by Africans. Halimi is a native of Algeria in Northern Africa; Bassey originated in Nigeria in West Africa.

Despite its briefness, the Bassey-Moreno fight was packed with thrilling action. The champion, scaling 124 to his opponent's 124¾, seemed determined on a quick victory, and he piled into the challenger at the opening bell. It was the sort of tactics Moreno favored. The Mexican may have lacked many things of being a polished ring mechanic, but one thing he could do was punch, and a slam-bang brawl was just what he wanted.

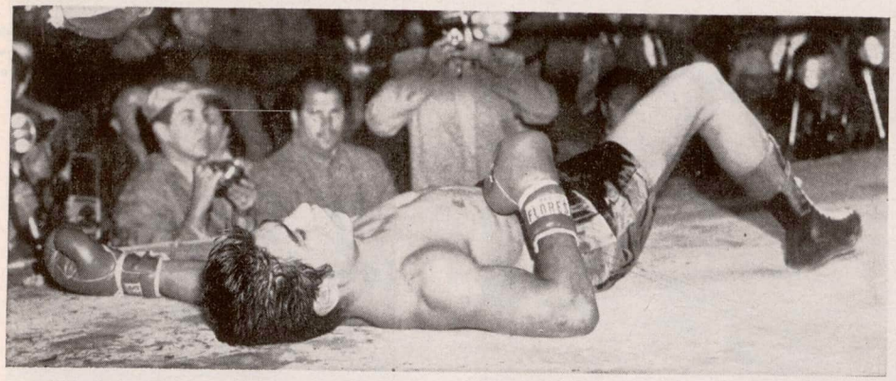
Bassey needed that one round to realize he was using the wrong strategy. He was jolted several times by vicious left hooks to the head and body, and late in the round a right to the chin sent him skittering backward to the ropes. He also suffered a slight cut over the left eye. The champion did some effective punching himself in that opening session, but Moreno was generally credited with having the better of the furious milling.

Bassey settled down to serious business after that, and what a job he did on the Mexican!

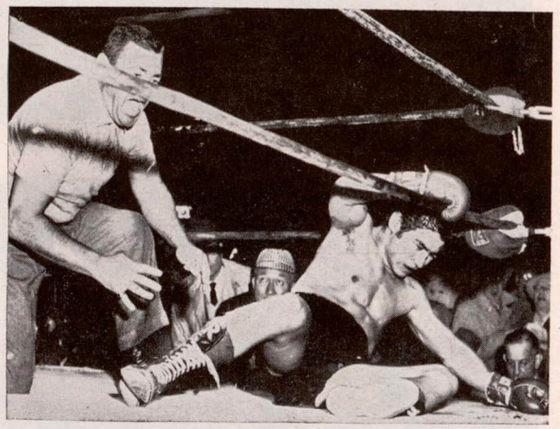
A DEVASTATING JOB:

Much too fast and ringwise for the dangerous but crude "Little Bird," Bassey moved in, out and around, picking his spots and belting Moreno with everything in his repertoire. Left jabs, straight rights, left hooks and right uppercuts bounced off the Mexican in bewildering combinations. Moreno fought back stubbornly, but he was lost in the blizzard of flying leather. A right uppercut buckled the Mexican's knees. Another uppercut knocked out his mouthpiece. A left to the body nearly doubled him up.

By the middle of the third round it became obvious that the end was not too far away. The fast-moving, sharpshooting Bassey was really pouring it in. Fists flew at the befuddled Mexican from all directions, and they were loaded with authority. Moreno, battered from one side of the ring to another, reeled back toward his own corner, with the champion in relentless pursuit. A smashing right to the chin was the clincher. Moreno slowly sagged to the canvas and rolled over on his back as Referee Tommy Hart tolled off the doleful decimals. Instinctively the Mexican was struggling to rise as Hart completed the count, with only two seconds of the round remaining.



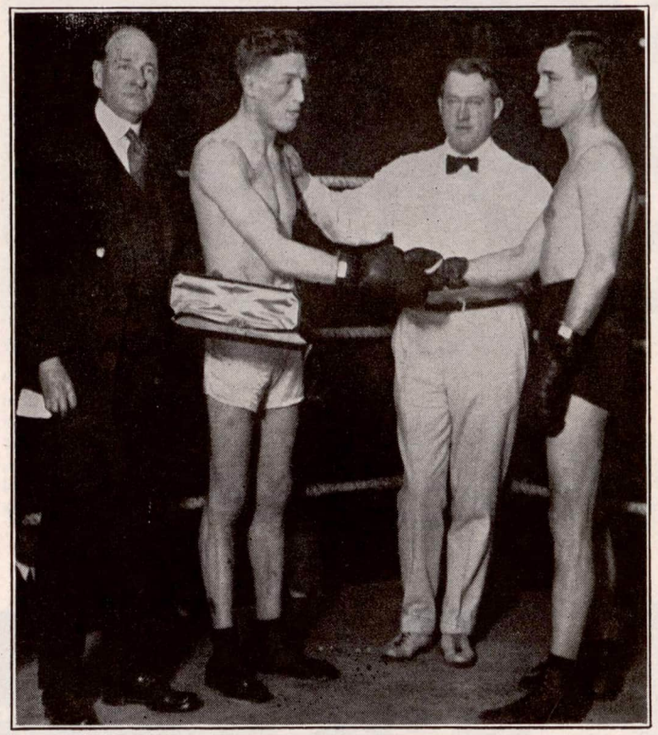
Moreno, with a sensational knockout record, is given a dose of his own specialty. Battered to canvas in turbulent third round, the Mexican rolls over on his back and fails to stir until count is more than half-completed.



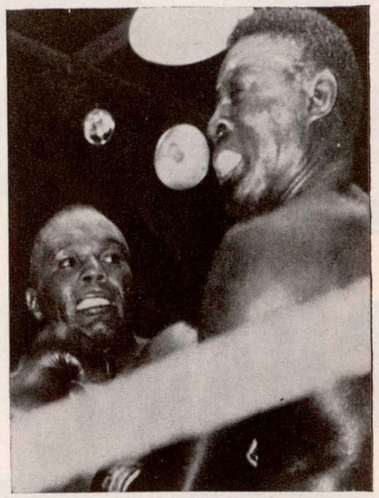
Clutching lower rope, Moreno makes desperate but futile effort to pull himself to feet as Referee Hart ends the doleful count with only two seconds of fateful round remaining.

The night wasn't entirely lost for the huge Mexican delegation. Their new hope, bantamweight Jose (Toluco) Lopez, survived a second-round knockdown to batter his way to a technical knockout over Billy (Sweetpea) Peacock in the eleventh frame of a scheduled twelve-round semi-final.

Disappointed but not discouraged by the successive defeats of Macias and Moreno in world title bouts, the Eatons and Parnassus are expected to concentrate now on their latest Mexican attraction and a possible title match with Alphonse Halimi. Since Halimi is currently tied up with an engagement with a circus in Europe, he may not be available until late in the year. In the meantime, to keep Lopez active and strengthen his bid for a title bout with Halimi, efforts may be made to import Peter Keenan, the British Empire champion, for a match with the hard-hitting Toluco.

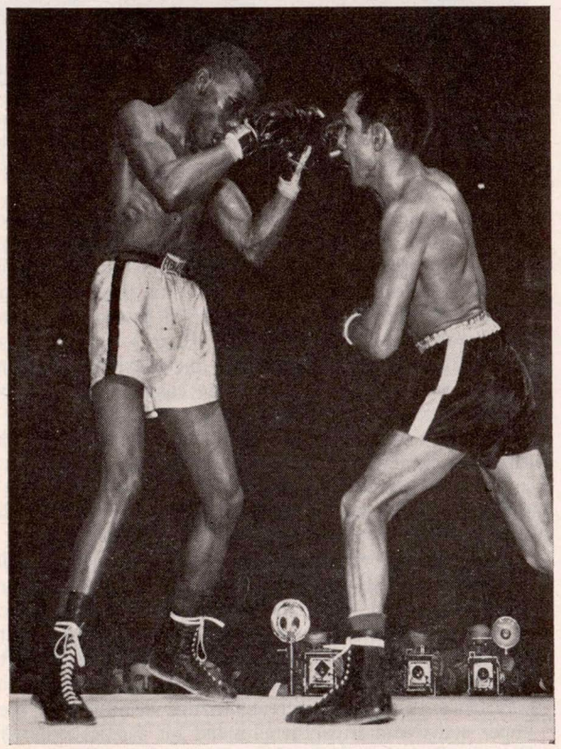


One of the longest and most famous series in boxing was between these two keen rivals, Ted (Kid) Lewis and Jack Britton who met a total of 20 times between 1915 and 1921.



Jersey Joe Wolcott scores with a left hook to the Jaw of Ezzard Charles during their fourth and final bout involving the heavyweight title, a record series among the heavyweights.

FAMOUS SERIES



Classy Willie Pep (right) carries the fight to his rival Sandy Saddler during the second of their four bouts. In this fight Pep fought masterfully to regain the title from Sandy.

By AL BUCK

A THIRD Sugar Ray Robinson-Carmen Basilio fight is in the cards. Fans in the Chicago Stadium, or in theaters across the land, who saw Sugar Ray regain the world middleweight title, are agreed a third and rubber battle is desirable, even necessary—but whether it can be made remains in the hands of Sugar Ray.

Truman Gibson, the promoter, is interested in profits, and he has something to sell. Basilio won the first fight on a split decision. When Sugar Ray took the crown back, referee Frank Sikora voted for Carmen.

If Basilio's left eye had not been closed from the fifth round on, would the result have been different? Basilio, for one, thinks so, and so do thousands of his followers. Gibson has many, many selling points.

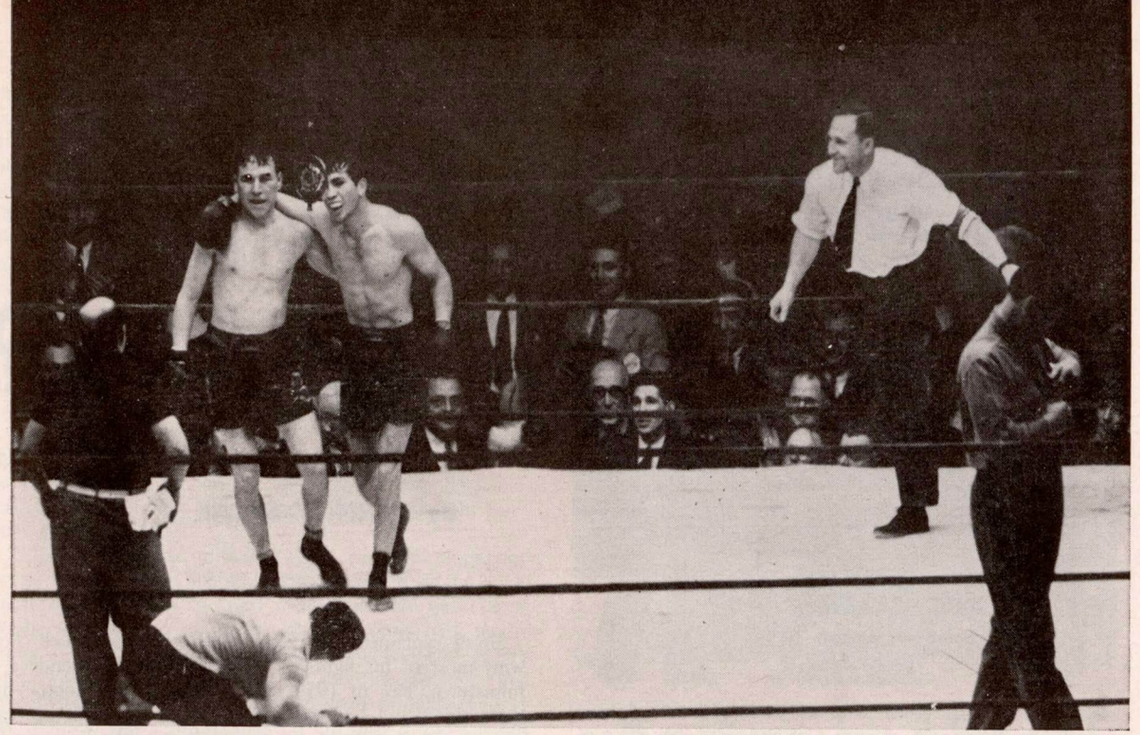
Robinson and Basilio are professionals. The financial possibilities appeals to both. With closed circuit TV a third fight could gross millions. Also from a sporting standpoint a third fight is in the ring's best tradition.

Almost a quarter of a century ago there was Barney Ross, the lightweight champ, challenging Jimmy McLarnin, the welterweight king. Together they wrote a thrill chapter in boxing history. The big moment in their first clash came in the ninth round. Jimmy hooked hard to the jaw, and Barney went down. Up without a count, Ross evened things with a right that dropped McLarnin.

It was close, but the decision went to Ross.

The second fight is remembered for its many postponements. Rain fell almost continually, and in all there were six postponements. They fought two weeks after the original date.

Again it was a tough, tight fight, only this time McLarnin



Jimmy McLarnin and Barney Ross embrace following their third bout in which Ross regained the welterweight title. The series between these two great boxers was one of the most sttirring of all time.

BOUTS

received the decision, regaining the welterweight title. The third was much the same as the first two. Jack Dempsey was the referee. He scored six rounds even. He awarded four to Ross and three to McLarnin, and with an assist from the judges, declared Barney the winner.

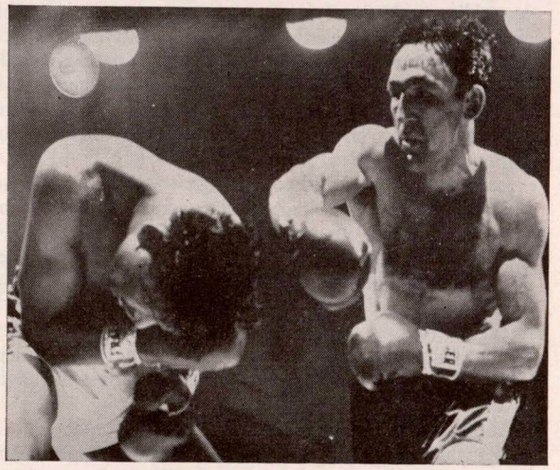
Ross was without a title going into the third McLarnin fight. The New York Boxing Commission had insisted he relinquish the lightweight crown if he were to continue to campaign in the welterweight division. In designating Tony Canzoneri and Lou Ambers to fight for the lightweight championship, Gen. John J. Phelan, commission chairman, started another series.

The veteran Canzoneri taught Ambers a lesson. Staying in the center of the ring during most of the 15 rounds, Tony made Lou come to him. Canzoneri countered effectively, and with the final gong, there was no doubt he had regained the title he had lost to Ross two years before.

In the return bout it was obvious the years were catching up with Canzoneri. Ambers won on speed, moving in and out and scoring with sharp uppercuts. When the decision and the title went to Lou, everybody was convinced except Tony. Their third fight was much like the second with Ambers the winner.

The most exciting series in recent years was the one between Tony Zale, the man of steel, and Rocky Graziano. It started after the war with Zale's discharge from the US Navy. The first fight took place in the Yankee Stadium. Graziano got to Zale in the second round, splitting his lip and knocking him down with a right. As Tony got to his feet, the gong ended the round. Zale fought back through the third and fourth, taking a licking as he did.

Graziano turned it on in the fifth, and at the bell, Zale staggered backward to his corner. The end for the world middleweight champion appeared near. And then in the



Boxing current star attraction. Robinson vs Basilio. Here Carmen drives a hard right to Sugar Ray's head early in the bout before his eye was closed. Would he have stopped Ray as he says if not for the damaged eye? Would Sugar still have regained the crown? A third bout which is in demand by all could provide the answer.

sixth it happened. Zale and Rocky were mixing it up.

A right turned the tide. Down, Graziano struggled to his feet. He was met by a Zale left. Rocky got up a second after Referee Ruby Goldstein completed counting 10.

The return bout almost didn't come off. Graziano was charged with not reporting an attempt to bribe him to lose to Ruben Shank. This was ridiculous on the face of it, and in fact the fight never took place. Nevertheless Rocky's license was revoked in New York. His career seemed over.

The authorities may have done him a favor. If New York didn't want the second Zale-Graziano fight, Chicago did. The battle was fought in the Chicago Stadium in

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The Not-so-Mad Anthony

WHAT MAKES ANTHONY MAD?

By JOHNNY SALAK

WHAT makes Anthony mad? Well, nothing, really, it would seem. The picture puncher, with the classic style and the doleful, docile look takes the good and the bad—and there have been both in his young life—with the ease of a knowing veteran, incapable of getting rattled when the breaks go against him.

Showing a world of promise from the start, the half-smile and quiet confidence would have been wiped from the face of many another fighter who carried the seemingly convincing setbacks which have tagged not-so-mad Anthony.

Look at his record and you wonder. Stopped by Miguel Mendevil in 1953; halted by Jacques Royer-Crecy and Willie Troy in 1954; bombed by Bobby Boyd in 1955; mauled by Archie Moore in 1957. And yet we see him listed—and completely accepted—as the No. 2 ranking light heavyweight in the world!

Tagged (by a few fighters) and a host of sports writers as the kid with the Dresden China chin, utterly inept against Master Moore in a title bout, any hopes he might have had should have been shattered.

Anthony quietly jokes about his defeats, confident he knows what went wrong, determined it won't happen again. The same faith is shared by manager Ernie Braca who is convinced that Anthony is destined to win a world championship—the light heavyweight crown or, perhaps in time, the heavyweight title.

No one can find fault with that kind of thinking, as long as the guy can produce at times. Anthony's latest victory, on the heels of the Moore massacre and a long layoff, was as thorough and complete as any seen in recent years. The punch parade unleashed by Anthony, sharp-shooting and deadly, was at the expense of Yvon Durelle, ranked as the No. 2 light heavyweight. They had previously fought a draw, in which Durelle scored a knockdown and many felt that Yvon had won. Anthony had been ill before that first fight and since the draw Durelle had been bowling over everything in sight. It should have been a titanic struggle. It developed into a meticulous massacre, between the Haves and the Have-Nots. Tony had it and Yvon got it.

But how does a guy who, though he never lost a decision, has five black marks against his record explain away the damaging evidence? The can't-take-a-punch tab seemed to be tailor-made for him.

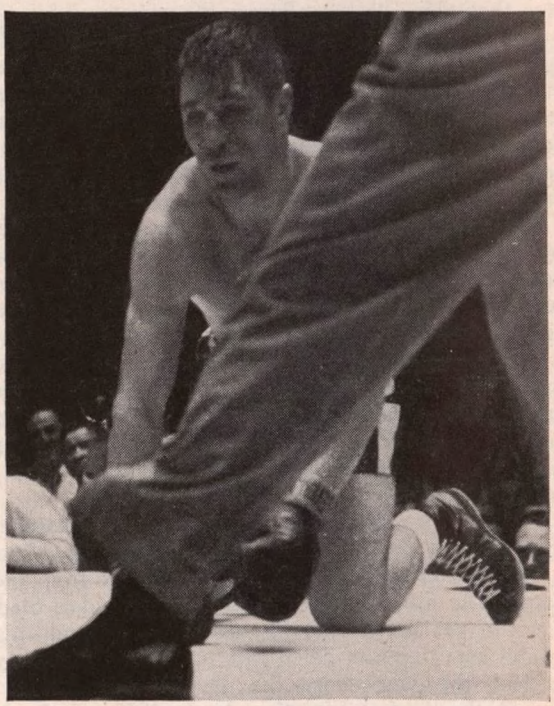
Braca explained them away with the ease which Tony wins most of his fights. "When we fought Mendevil in Johnstown, Pa., in 1953," Braca stated, "we floored him three times and had won every round on every scorecard when a cut over Tony's eye wouldn't stop bleeding. So the referee stopped the fight."

Fair enough. It could happen to anyone.

But then there was the fight with the Frenchman?

"Oh, yeah," says Braca. "A year later we were in with Jacques Royer-Crecy, the middleweight champion of France. We had him badly licked. In the eighth, the Frenchman tagged Tony on the chin. My boy was a little glassy-eyed but the referee stepped in to stop it. 'He's a young prospect and I don't want him hurt,' he told me. "That also happened in Johnstown, Pa."

"A place of disaster," shyly grinned Tony. "That's where they also had the Johnstown Flood."



Quietly, efficiently, thoroughly Tony Anthony cut Yvon Durelle down to a helpless hulk and regained for himself a ranking among the leading light heavyweight contenders.

We were inclined to ask him if this was any relation to Jimmy Flood but Braca drowned us out with, "Then we fought Willie Troy in Eastern Parkway Arena and knocked him down in the second round. But Tony was pooped by the fourth and, when he was hit in the middle, the referee stopped it. He said our corner signalled him to stop it. That wasn't so. Then came the only time we really were knocked out. It was against Bobby Boyd and Tony really belted him. Boyd started down and Tony walked to a neutral corner when we waved him back. Tony was wide open when Boyd hit him. That ends the knockout story."

Except for Archie Moore.

"Oh, yeah, that one. Old Archie really talked the kid out of the title that night."

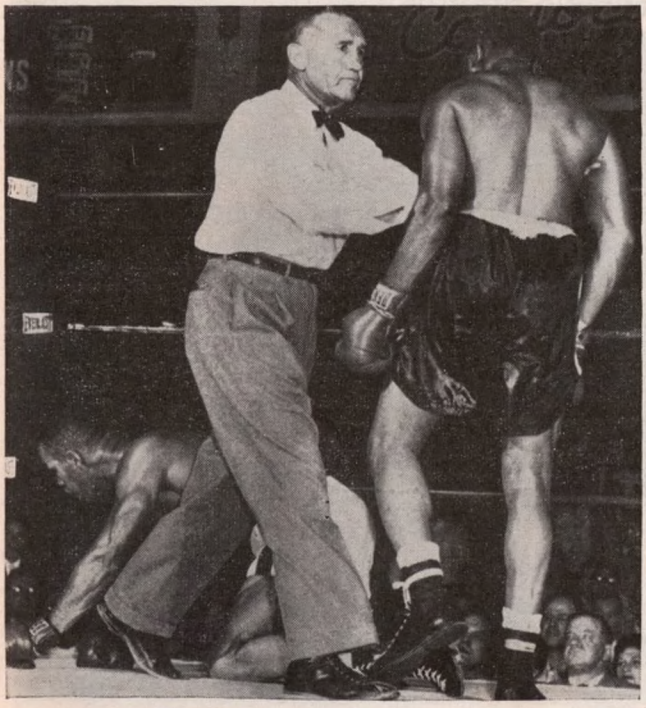
Talked him out of it? We thought he belted him out of it.

"Well, it's like this. I know my boy's in top shape for the fight. Just before we go on Tony says to me, 'I'm all tense.' I almost died, but I made believe it was nothing. So I said, 'Listen, son, this is too big to be getting tense right now. Let's go.'

"Moore started talking to him right away and my guy fell for it. Moore said, 'You're looking great. Keep up what you're doing. You're the next champion.' He was talking like he was going to lay down. My guy comes back to the corner after the third round and says 'I'm pooped.' Here's a guy who's been training for two months and he's tired after two-three rounds. I knew we were through then. I wished there was a tunnel and I'd fall into it and get out of the joint."

Which is just about the way Anthony must have felt, for came the sixth and seventh round he was digging up canvas.

Oddly enough, at the end of the third round (during which time Moore was talking up a storm) Anthony was ahead on the scorecards of the referee and a judge. Strangely, also, though he took a terrific battering (the referee stopped the fight in the seventh when Anthony was knocked to his knees) it deflated the impression he has a glass jaw. If he had been a china-chin he would have gone down from some of Old Archie's shots long before he did.



Believe it or not, this fight proved that Tony Anthony (on all fours) did not have a china-chin. Archie Moore bombed him repeatedly during their title bout and still could not knock him out. Referee halted bout at this point, in seventh round.

Following his being halted five times, failing against Archie Moore in a title test, being held to a draw by Yvon Durelle and then a long layoff, the victory over Durelle was a big one for Anthony. Here he rejoices with manager and seconds after bout.

Anthony is convinced, especially since the Durelle bout, that his elevator days are over with. Speaking about the knockouts scored against him, he says, "Now I don't think it can happen again. I've learned about sucker punches. Also, the weight I have gained has made me really strong. I know that no matter how good a boxer is, you are bound to get hit. But I think I know how to take it now."

With the added weight he is gaining (he hopes to reach a solid 180 this year) Anthony and Braca are in business with their eyes set on two titles. Unless another shot at the light heavyweight crown is in the works within a reasonable length of time, Anthony naturally expects to step up among the heavyweights. He has youth, speed, ability and punch working for him. If Anthony has overcome the tendency to fold under anything that looks like a good punch, he is now ready to go in with the best of them, be they light heavies or heavyweights.

A product of New York, Anthony attended Haaren High School in Manhattan. Nineteen fights comprise his amateur career, and he chalked up successes in eighteen of them. Along the way, in 1951 he won the New York Golden Gloves sub-novice title, and the following year picked up the New York Golden Gloves welterweight title as well as the National AAU welterweight championship.

That year he was also selected for the Olympic boxing team and made the trip to Helsinki. But, being a growing boy, by the time he got there he had eaten his way out of the class and did not see action.

Just over six feet tall, soft-spoken and a meticulous dresser, he is often taken for Harry Belafonte. In fact, until recently most of the requests he received for autographs were made on the assumption that he was Belafonte rather than Tony Anthony.

He likes to dance, plays the piano, beats a drum and blows a mean trumpet. He likes his fun in a quiet sort of way and always has a ready smile. Nothing, it seems, makes Anthony mad.

Determined to keep him active and ward off any lethargy which might creep in, at his own insistence and with the

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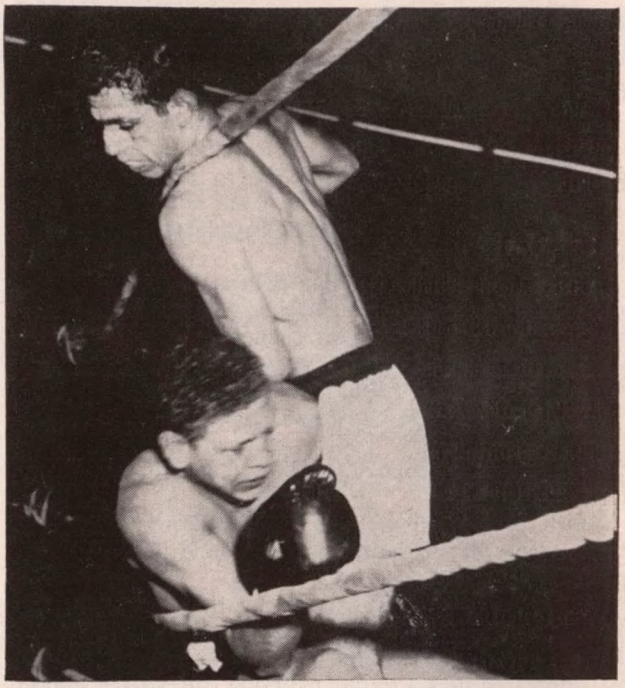
FIGHTS OF THE MONTH

CLEVELAND, U. S. A.

Cleveland Williams (right), American heavyweight drops Dick Richardson, Welshman, after an exchange of blows during their bout at Empress Hall, London. Richardson was disqualified in fourth round for persistent holding.

BUSSO'S BOSS



Johnny Busso (right), Brooklyn, N. Y. welterweight, falls into Larry Boardman, Marlborough, Conn., who is against ropes during bout in Boston. Boardman was dropped seven times, Busso once. Referee stopped fight in ninth, Busso the winner.

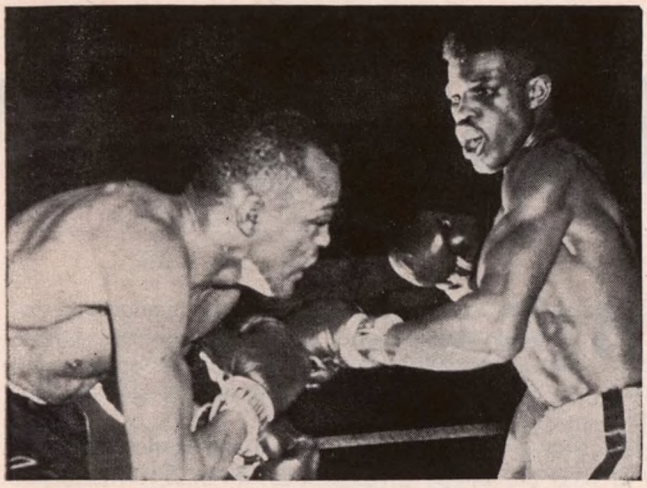
THE MIDDLE DRAW

Pat McAteer (left), British and Empire middleweight champion, avoids a right thrown by Hanswerner Wohlers of Germany, during ten round bout that ended in draw at Berlin, Germany. Crowd thought that the German had won and demonstrations followed.

DUCKING THE ISSUE

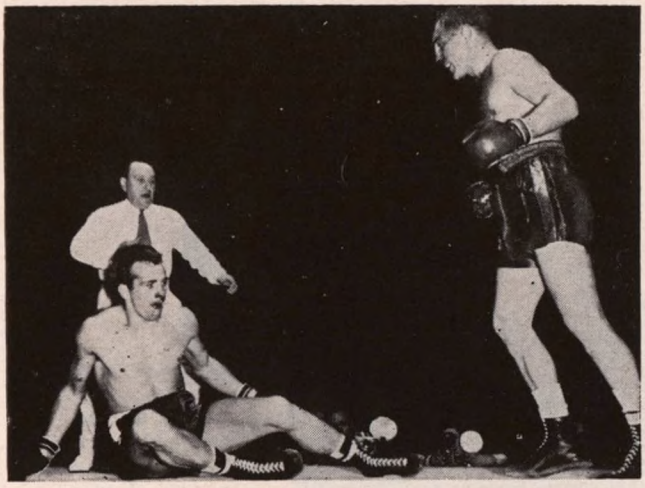
Rudy Sawyer, fast rising New York welterweight, throws right and has Jimmy Peters of Washington, D. C. ducking the issue during ten rounder at St. Nicholas Arena, New York. Sawyer, who shows a lot of promise, won unanimous decision.

TOMBSTONE ENGRAVED



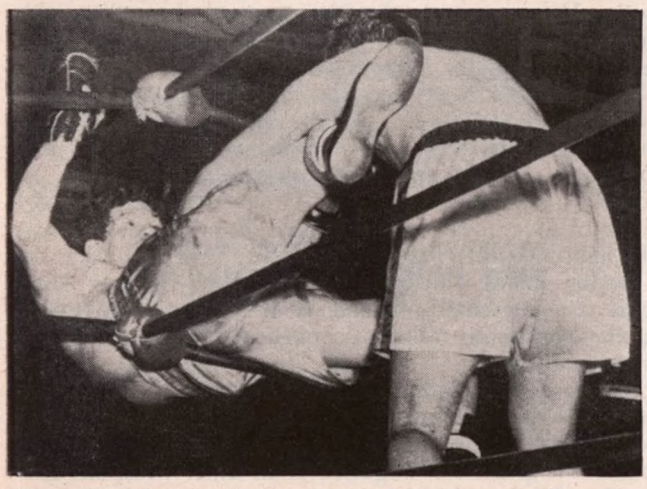
Garnett (Sugar) Hart (right), Philadelphia welterweight, measures Charley (Tombstone) Smith during ten round scrap at Philadelphia. Hart went on to stop the California fighter, who was highly rated, in the eighth round.

SEATED AND DEFEATED



Gustav Scholz, German middleweight, who went into the fight undefeated in 68 pro bouts, was dropped in the second round by Charley Humez, European middleweight champion, at the Palais des Sports, Paris, France. Humez won decision.

A GUY WITH A LOT OF PUSH

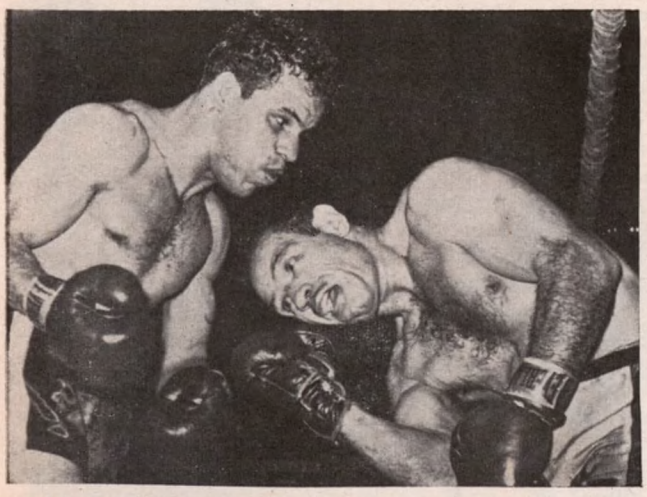


Art Aragon (left), California's Golden Boy, gets pushed through the ropes by Chico Vejar during welterweight scrap at Hollywood Legion Stadium. But punches—not pushes—win fights and Aragon went on to belt out decision over Vejar.

NINO GETS WHAT'S LEFT

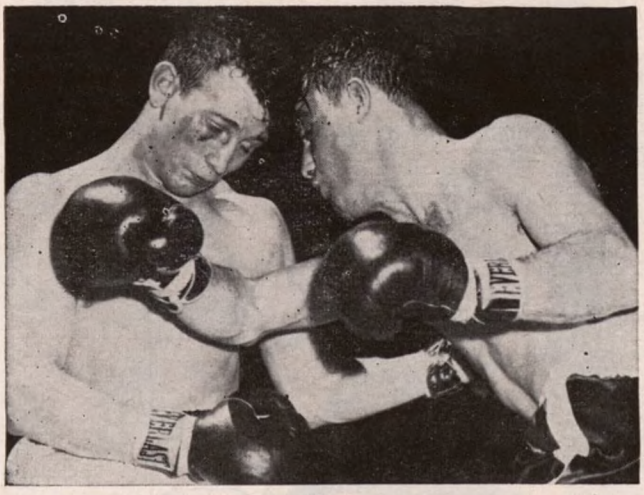
Nino Valdes (right), ranking Cuban heavyweight, gets tagged with a left to the head thrown by Wayne Bethea of New York during ten rounder at Denver, Colo. Valdes went on to win a split decision over the toughie who gives everyone trouble.

FUENTES FADS, DUPAS DEALS



Ralph Dupas, New Orleans lightweight, had a surprisingly easy time of outpointing Ramon Fuentes of Los Angeles, at New Orleans, in tune up fight for his world championship bout with Joe Brown scheduled May 7 in Houston, Texas.

DI BIASE DECISION



Tony DiBiase, Astoria, L. I., N. Y. welterweight, (right) mixes at close quarters with Peter Schmidt during ten round bout at St. Nicholas Arena, New York. DiBiase took down the honors, his second split decision in a row over Schmidt.

ABOUT THE MAN WHO TELLS THE STORY

The author of this series was one of the finest boxers developed in the Navy. Colonel Harvey L. Miller, born seventy years ago in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, started his service career on April 6, 1906 as an apprentice in the U. S. Navy and retired as a Colonel on December 1, 1946, after forty years in the armed forces, twenty of which were on active duty. In 1925 he was transferred from the Navy to the Marine Corps where he served with distinction.

Col. Miller was Chairman of the Washington, D. C. Boxing Commission for many years. He served as Executive Secretary of the N. B. A., was Editor of "Our Navy" and "Japan", was a columnist on the San Francisco Call and founder and Editor of both the U. S. Coast Guard magazine and Navy Review in addition to serving as Sports Editor of the Washington Herald.

From 1906 through 1909 he was a member of the Fleet championship baseball team, serving with the U.S.S. Maryland and U.S.S. Wilmington.

In 1906 he won the All-Service bantamweight title in boxing.

In 1907, 1908 and 1909 he was feather and lightweight title holder of the Far East as a professional and was instrumental in introducing boxing in the Philippines. For many years he was a top referee in the Navy and also promoted professional boxing.

Colonel Miller is well qualified to tell Ring readers the story of boxing among the servicemen of the Navy and Marines and the part these men played in developing the sport on an international basis.

FIRST OF A SERIES

FAMOUS NAVY FIGHTING MEN

"BASEBALL follows the flag," is a time-honored expression among sports writers. Wherever Uncle Sam's service men have appeared, there one may be certain to find our national pastime played among the natives.

The same is true of boxing. It is a universal sport. And what has made it so? The men who wear the uniform of our armed forces. They have spread the sport, as they have spread the diamond game, to all corners of the world.

When Richard Pearson Hobson dropped the Merrimac neatly into the channel at Santiago de Cuba in 1898, Spanish launches swooped down upon the gallant band that did the job and slapped them into a dungeon deep at Morro Castle. History records that they amused themselves with two boxing gloves, both left hand mitts. It would have been a fine spot for a southpaw.

Wherever the Navy goes, you'll find boxing booming. That holds good from the Naval Academy and the Marine Corps bases down to the lowest enlisted grade. Man-for-man, more Gobs and Marines know that lesson "One" is to stick out a straight left jab than in any other walk of life. The sun has yet to set on Old Glory and for the same reason --the fighting spirit of the American youth--it will never set on boxing among Uncle Sam's men-o-war's ringmen. Boxing is a major enterprise and to the men of the Navy and the Marines as well as the Army, it still ranks as the major sport listed.

The Navy and Marines have produced more top boxers than any other organization in the world. One needs only to turn back the pages of history to find the names of some of the greatest boxing men of all time. Most any gob aboard a fighting ship knows something about boxing. It is the pet sport of the various fleets, a play-time diversion about ships and highly encouraged by the commanding officers.

Let's go back to the Moros in the early nineties. Those, who like myself were in the Navy at the time, will recall the Island of Zamboanga and the hilarious scenes as the young Moros, trying to follow the Americans, borrowed discarded shirts, gloves and baseball bats and minus pants, socks or shoes, pitched in and played our national game. It was great fun watching those kids swing and miss by a mile. But it wasn't long thereafter that these same kids--youthful Moros--were playing pretty good baseball and had picked up the rudiments of boxing. Today both sports are the leading ones in the Philippines.

That "boxing follows the flag" is even more correct a statement than the tribute to baseball. In the days of our Philippine invasion, it was with difficulty one could get the kids interested in anything but cock fights but once the Americans made the Islands their headquarters, Filipino boxers were developed who soon were as good as the best in our home land. Remember the names of Pancho Villa, Ceferino Garcia, Macario Flores, Frank Malinao, Paul Gyn, Dencio Cabanella among many others who gained international attention?

Gyn was a national hero because he was the first to make any headway against top American Army and Navy rivals. His development was rapid.

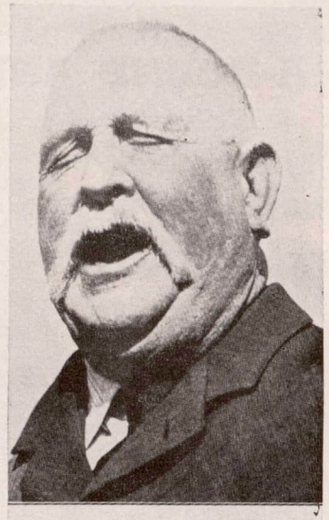
Boxing has always been a must in the U.S. Naval Academy. The midshipmen, after graduation as officers, are encouraged to teach the art of self-defense to the enlisted men under their care. The Marine Corps, the shore combat branch of the Navy, is taught to duck, sidestep, block and counterpunch with hands encased in gloves, because instinctively, the moves learned in boxing are used by the Marines in hand-to-hand fighting against an enemy.

This was proved most convincingly at Tarawa, Guadalcanal and other places where the Marines landed during World War Two. At "The Canal", the first major action that turned back the far-flung Japanese forces, a great deal of combat action was in single patrol affairs in which well-trained Americans, with the Southern Cross for overhead lights, showed the world that a good right hand counterpunch was most effective combat medicine.

With boxing receiving all-out service backing, it was only logical that down through the corridor of wars of boxing history, there passes in kaleidoscopic review an impressive parade of Navy-made champions and near champions.

BILLY JORDAN MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMP IN FARRAGUT'S FLEET

Old timers often have remarked that Billy Jordan of San Francisco was the best announcer the game has ever produced. In the "nineties" and well before that period, his rotund, cut-away-coated figure and waving white moustache, topped by a piercing tenor voice that penetrated to the far corners of the open air arenas before the days of microphone, pinned many classic nicknames on great fighters of his time--names that were picked up by the press and are used to this day. Many that he first used have been attributed to such outstanding sports scribes as Tad Dorgan, Bill McGeehan and Damon Runyon.



VETERAN BILLY JORDAN IN FULL SWING

LET 'ER GO!

Billy Jordan of San Francisco, the famous announcer of the Nineties, unknown to many, had been the middleweight champion of the fleet in his younger days.

It was Jordan who first called Stanley Ketchel the "Michigan Assassin" and Ad Wolgast "The Cadillac Wildcat" and Billy Papke "The Illinois Thunderbolt". Came a time when the years took their toll and slowed up Billy. The long bouts that had made California the Mecca of boxing, were voted out following ring fatalities that cost the lives of Bull Young and Young Hussey and the four round rule went into effect with the elimination of the 20 rounders and with that change, Billy Jordan disappeared. The sports fraternity and the press instituted a search for Jordan.

When he was finally located at Yountville, Cal., and when he reported for a benefit show, he was wearing the

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Gene Tunney (center), The Marine, who won the AEF light heavyweight championship during the first world war and then went on to win the world heavyweight title, during the second Great War was the Navy's athletic director. Here he is seen instructing a group of aviation cadets at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., in 1941.

A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

FEATURE

By BOB ALLEN

A DEBATE on *"The Morality of Boxing" was held recently at Le-Moyne College in Syracuse,* N. Y. Among the listeners was a distinguished up-State New York citizen named Carmen Basilio. Although he did not take part in the debate, Mr. Basilio indicated a willingness to answer questions after the arguments on both sides had ended in a *"draw."*

As reported by Bill Reddy in his Syracuse Post-Standard column, herewith are some of Basilio's comments:

"Boxing is conducted under authority of New York State. The men we've elected have ruled that boxing can and should be conducted here. If you say boxing is immoral, you are saying, in effect, that the leaders of our government are immoral, or that they contribute to immorality.

"Boxing is supposed to be brutal because it includes knockouts. Football isn't considered nearly as brutal. Yet a football player who is knocked out in one game often goes right back to practice the next week, usually plays football again the following Saturday.

"In boxing, if a fighter is knocked out, he automatically is barred from boxing again for at least 30 days, sometimes for 60 or even 120 days. And he isn't permitted to box again, even after a layoff, without passing a special physical examination."

An able young man is Mr. Basilio—in the ring and on a speaker's platform.

A publicity release says that Holly Mims, Washington, D. C. middleweight, helped support his family as a newsboy before turning to boxing. Some day, perhaps, we will read a publicity notice about a fighter which fails to include the fact that said fighter helped support his family as a newsboy before turning to boxing.

If you want to start an argument with Harry Keck, veteran sports editor of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph, just tell him you think Harry Greb was a dirty fighter. Normally a mild-mannered and an even-tempered man, the likeable Keck bristles whenever he hears a reference to Greb as anything other than the greatest fighter of his day and one of the greatest of all time.

It is now more than thirty years since Greb's death, following an eye operation, and in all that time Keck has vigorously and vehemently thrown verbal counter-punches against any and all who would disparage Harry Greb. In a letter to a friend a few weeks ago Keck wrote:

"Did you by chance happen to read the Harry Greb story by John Lardner in True magazine? The boys certainly are going along with the legend of Greb as a harum-scarum, no-good guy and the dirtiest fighter who ever lived. As you know, I was with Greb for years and such stuff nauseates me. He was a great fighter and by no means the dissolute character he has been painted."

For years, too, Keck has been attacking the myth that Greb and Mickey Walker engaged in a free-for-all outside the Silver Slipper nightclub following their Polo Grounds battle in 1925.

"It never happened," says Keck. *"I never left Greb's side from the moment the ballpark fight ended (it was a win for Greb) until he went to bed in his hotel late the next morning. It's true we visited the Silver Slipper but we had already left when Walker and his party arrived. I know the story about their throwing punches at each other outside the nightclub makes good reading and I hate to spoil a good story but the facts are otherwise."*

We don't know what it is about track and field stars which makes them peculiarly fitted to serve on boxing commissions but a lot of them do get appointed to commission jobs. The great runners Jesse Owens and Ralph Metcalfe both served as executive secretaries on the Illinois Commission, Harrison Dillard, champion hurdler, worked on the Cleveland Commission, and now the Rev. Robert Richards, pole-vaulting champion, has been named to a three-year term on the California State Athletic Commission.

The Swedish Government may withdraw all support of boxing because the sport is *"a gross denial of everything implied by culture and human dignity."* To us this sounds like a lot of smorgasbord.

You've heard it before, you'll hear it again, and our latest source is Harry Hershfield's column in the Mirror: A boxer explaining his defeat by a man several inches shorter: *"He only came up to my chin but he came up too often."*

We hear Mexico is considering a protest to the United Nations after what Alphonse Halimi, of France, did to Raton Macias, and what Hogan (Kid) Bassey, of Nigeria, did to Ricardo Moreno.

Way back in 1935 Joe Louis demolished Paolino Uzcudun with one crushing right hand smash to the chin. The blow lifted the 200-plus Uzcudun a foot off the canvas and deposited him in a bleeding, crumpled heap on the other side of the ring. It was an awe-inspiring performance on the part of the then very young and rapidly rising Brown Bomber.

Seated in the Madison Square Garden audience that night was Max Schmeling who was perhaps all alone in his refusal to react enthusiastically to Louis's great knockout victory. *"I zee zomething,"* said Schmeling. *"I cannot tell you what I zee but I zee zomething and when I fight Louis you will know what I zee. He's got one weakness and I zee it."* Evidently Schmeling did because when he boxed Louis the following summer he knocked the Bomber out with right hand punches to the chin. It was only then that Max revealed what he saw in the Uzcudun fight—a tendency by Louis to drop the left hand after a jab.

We were reminded of this bit of boxing history by a clipping that landed on our desk the other day. It came from a Texas paper and it told of the impression made on Roy (Cut and Shoot) Harris by the exhibition appearance of Floyd Patterson in Houston some weeks back.

Like Schmeling, Harris also *"zeed zomething."* He doesn't explain in detail but he say: *"He has a couple of faults. They're little things but I saw them."*

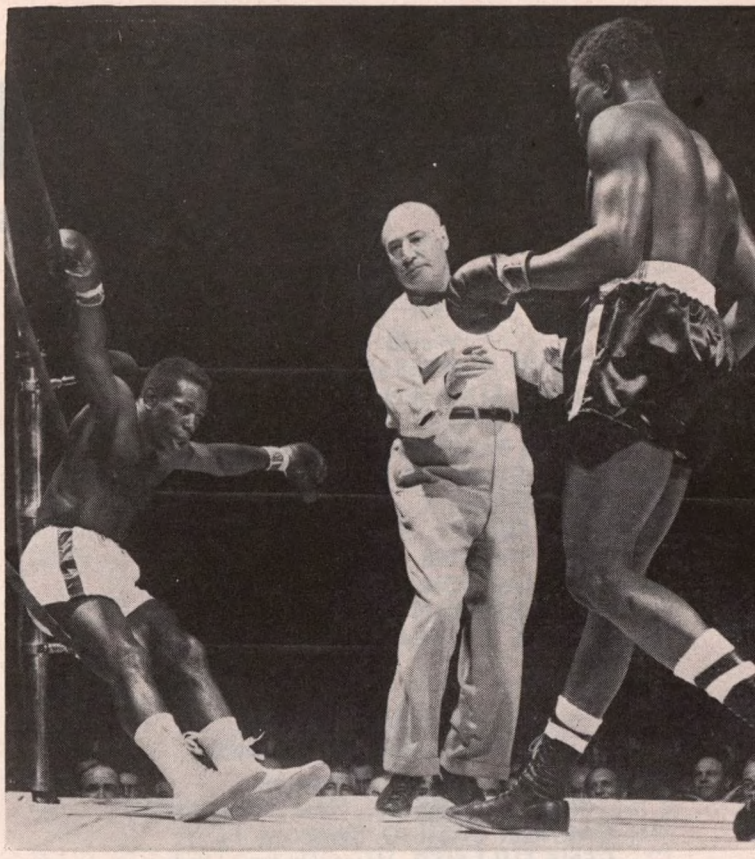
Maybe history will repeat.

We're sorry this issue of The Ring goes to press just before Lou Nova's next Carnegie Hall poetry recital and we are prevented therefore from reviewing the glorious event for anxious readers in this issue. But we do understand that Theatre Television Network and TelePrompter are bidding frantically against each other for the closed-circuit rights and perhaps you will be able to see and hear Novas' recital in your neighborhood theatre.

WINNER TAKES ALL

The Welter Championship

By DAN DANIEL



Virgil Akins (right) advanced to the finals for the world welterweight title, to be held on June 6, when he scored a stunning knockout over Isaac Logart several weeks ago. He now meets Vince Martinez, who had drawn a bye, winner to take all.

AND so it has come about that on June 6, Virgil Akins, of St. Louis, and Vince Martinez, transplanted Jerseyman now based at Miami Beach, will fight for the welterweight championship of the world.

Your member of the Old Guard will let a sneer, perhaps polite, possibly contemptuous all the way, to crease his phizz.

True, we have had greater fighters, by far, than Virgil and Vince in possession of the welter title. But we must not demean Akins or Martinez, or the championship, or boxing as it stands in the title brackets. It certainly could be a lot worse.

As a matter of cold fact, there is a deplorable tendency to play up the days of yore and to belittle the days in which we live. This is true in virtually every sport except track, where the multiplicity of four minute milers shouts the tremendous progress foot racing has achieved.

As between Akins and Martinez, the slight choice for the title has to be the Virgil man.

Akins has proved himself eminently able to rise to an occasion. This has been especially true in the welter elimination tournament. He came into the competition an underdog. Gil Turner had beaten him in an Atlantic City ten rounder. This after Virgil's eight round knockout of Sugar Hart in Cleveland.

And this on top of a ten round defeat by Frank Szuzina in St. Louis.

WITH TITLE IN OFFING, AKINS STOPPED LAZYING

Once entered in the welter eliminations, Akins stopped fooling around. He made Tony DeMarco retire from the ring with two knockouts in that once good fighter's home town, Boston. Virgil stunned the Hub first in 14 heats and then chased Tony into a closed record with a terrific lacing and a 12 round stopper.

Having made Boston and the ill advised Massachusetts Boxing Commission look at least sheepish, after the Commission had okayed a title tag for the Akins-DeMarco imbroglios, Virgil stopped Isaac Logart in six rounds in New York.

Logart went into the ring an 11 to 5 favorite. The Cuban was supposed to be a finer technician, as able a hitter, and a fighter with more class, all around. But after having let Isaac take four of the first five rounds, Akins caught the Camaguey clouter with a right uppercut on top of a left to the stomach.

Logart hit the deck. Count of eight. Logart went to the canvas again. Count of eight. Soon Referee Harry Kessler called a halt. Logart had been knocked out of the tournament. He had lost his third and most important fight with a man whom he had underrated as a lazy performer and a shiftless manoeuverer.

It will be recollected that after having taken a ten round split decision over Logart, Akins had lost to him without any doubt whatsoever.

Logart had been careless in the third fight, and Akins once again had proved that he could not be sold short.

As Kid Gavilan explained, Logart allowed himself to fall into a trap in that knockout defeat. He had been drawn in and had been lured into tiring himself. In short, Virgil forced Logart to fight Virgil's own style of scrap.

Now, as to Martinez. He drew the bye in the tournament. He has a good record, winner over Turner, knockout victory over Ramon Tiscareno and Larry Baker, winner over Gavilan twice in succession, but with a ten round loss to Ralph Dupas sandwiched in between.

As the Akins-Martinez fight approaches, the question arises—can a counter puncher, a scrapper on roller skates win the welterweight championship of the world?

Martinez is an interesting example of the ring school which insists, "He who hits and runs away will live to hit another day."

To put it bluntly, some boxing experts go so far as to impugn Martinez's enthusiasm for fighting. This charge is too silly to deserve serious consideration. Vince has not come so far without basic qualities as a fighter, and strong recommendations as a gamester.

Martinez is not one of those scrapers who believes that to be a real fighter you have to display cauliflower ears

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By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

RING RATINGS AS OF APRIL 25TH

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
FLOYD PATTERSON, Brooklyn, N. Y.

1—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
1—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Arizona
3—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
4—**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.
5—**ROY HARRIS,** Cut and Shoot, Texas
6—**ALEX MITEFF,** Argentina
7—**NINO VALDES,** Cuba
8—**INGEMAR JOHANSSON,** Sweden
9—**WILLI BESMANOFF,** Germany
10—**WAYNE BETHEA,** New York, N. Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
RAY ROBINSON, New York, N. Y.

1—**CARMEN BASILIO,** Syracuse, N. Y.
2—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
3—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
4—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
5—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.
6—**ELLSWORTH (Spider) WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
7—**HOLLY MIMS,** Washington, D. C.
8—**WILLIE VAUGHN,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9—**BOBBY BOYD,** Chicago, Ill.
10—**GENE ARMSTRONG,** Elizabeth, N. J.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
JOE BROWN, New Orleans, La.

1—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
2—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
3—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
4—**JOE LOPES,** Sacramento, Calif.
5—**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.
6—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
7—**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
8—**AL NEVAREZ,** Mexico
9—**BABY VASQUEZ,** Mexico
10—**PAUL ARMSTEAD,** Los Angeles, Calif.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion
ALPHONSE HALIMI, France

1—**RAUL (Raton) MACIAS,** Mexico
2—**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy
3—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
4—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
5—**MANUEL ARMENTEROS,** Cuba
6—**EUGENE LeCOZANNET,** France
7—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
8—**JOE BECERRA,** Mexico
9—**AL ASUNCION,** Philippines
10—**PETER KEENAN,** Scotland

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**TONY ANTHONY,** New York, N. Y.
3—**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
4—**YVON DURELLE,** Canada
5—**CHUCK SPIESER,** Lansing, Mich.
6—**MIKE HOLT,** South Africa
7—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, BWI.
8—**CLARENCE HINNANT,** Washington, D. C.
9—**UWE JANSSEN,** Germany
10—**JESSE BOWDRY,** St. Louis, Mo.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
TITLE VACANT

1—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
2—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
3—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
4—**GASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico
5—**GARNETT (Sugar) HART,** Philadelphia, Pa.
6—**KID GAVILAN,** Cuba
7—**GIL TURNER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
8—**CHARLIE (Tombstone) SMITH,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9—**MICKEY CRAWFORD,** Saginaw, Mich.
10—**GIANCARLO GARBELLI,** Italy

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion
HOGAN (Kid) BASSEY, Nigeria

1—**DAVEY MOORE,** Springfield, O.
2—**CHERIF HAMIA,** France
3—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Texas
4—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
5—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
6—**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France
7—**MANOLO GARCIA,** Spain
8—**RICARDO MORENO,** Mexico
9—**RICARDO GONZALEZ,** Argentina
10—**HAROLD GOMES,** Providence, R. I.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
2—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
3—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
4—**DOMMY URSUA,** Philippines
5—**RAMON CALATAYUD,** Venezuela
6—**ARISTIDE POZZALI,** Italy
7—**MASAJI (Lefty) IWAMOTO,** Japan
8—**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
9—**CARLOS MIRANDA,** Argentina
10—**DENNIS ADAMS,** South Africa

HOGAN BASSEY

Fighter of the Month

HOGAN BASSEY of Nigeria gained The Ring's award of Fighter of The Month by successfully defending his world featherweight title by knocking out Mexico's Ricardo Moreno in the third round.

For the first time in monthly ratings The Ring is ranking two fighters on a par. Eddie Machen and Zora Folley, rated prior to their fight this month as one and two respectively, are considered as tied for the number one position in the heavyweight rankings as a result of their twelve round contest that ended in a draw for both fighters.

Machen by not defeating Folley lost his slight edge in the ratings over his adversary and Folley by gaining a draw pushed his stock on a par with that of Machen.

Other changes among the heavyweights saw Nino Valdes, winner over Wayne Bethea, climb from ninth to seventh with Bethea dropped from seventh to tenth.

The light heavyweight division has been shook up by the defeat of Yolande Pompey by middleweight Rory Calhoun with Pompey sliding from third to seventh with Mike Holt moved from seventh to six and Chuck Spieser upped from sixth to fifth. Willie Hoepner is removed from the select group and in tenth place a new face has been added, Jesse Bowdry, who has won six fights this year, five by knockouts, halting Bobby Lane in his last fight.

The only change in the middleweight class is the exchange of places between Spider Webb and Rory Calhoun with Rory raised to fifth and Webb dropped to sixth.

The welterweights have been an active class with Mickey Crawford, winner over Gil Turner in ninth place and Turner down from fourth to seventh. Veteran Kid Gavilan has moved up the ladder from eighth to sixth by virtue of his win over Tiger Jones. Gaspar Ortega climbed one notch to fourth; Sugar Hart was raised to fifth from sixth and Tombstone Smith slid another slot to eighth. Giancarlo Garbelli fell from ninth to tenth with the inactive Australian George Barnes being excluded from the select circle.

Lightweights during the past month have been a busy group but unfortunately few of the rated men have been among those active. Ralph Dupas, winner over Ramon Fuentes exchanged places with Kenny Lane, who has been inactive. Dupas gained the second spot with Lane third.

Featherweight Ricardo Moreno, knocked out by Bassey, has been dropped from fifth to eighth due to his unconvincing bid for the title. Manolo Garcia climbed from eighth to seventh; Gracieux Lamperti was upped from seventh to sixth and Ike Chestnut from sixth to fifth.

Among the bantamweights Billy Peacock kayoed by Jose Lopez fell out of the ratings and his conqueror moved up from fourth to third. Leo Espinosa dropped to fourth Piero Rollo fell from sixth to seventh. Eugene LeCozannet moved up from eighth to sixth and Joe Beccera climbed from ninth to eighth. Al Asuncion fell from seventh to ninth and Peter Keenan took the place of Peacock in tenth.

Flyweights saw the movement of Pone Kingpetch from third to second and the inactive Young Martin down from second to third. Ramon Calatayud, still winning, moved up from sixth to fifth, with the inactive Aristide Pozzali dropping from fifth to sixth.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Zora Folley and Eddie Machen went to a draw, 12. Willie Pastrano decisioned Joe Bygraves, 10.

Nino Valdes edged out Wayne Bethea, 10.

Sonny Liston defeated Burt Whitehurst, 10. Johnny Summerlin whipped Art Miller, 10.

Cleveland Williams won on a disqualification over Dick Richardson, 4. Charlie Norkus whipped Oliver Wilson, 10.

Heinz Neuhaus decisioned Joey Maxim, 10. Terry Lewis stopped Gene White, 4. Buddy Turman kayoed Jack Jacobs, 1.

Argentina champion Rinaldo Ansaloni kayoed Roberto Aguero, 3. Julio Neves won on a forfeit from Paulo Sacoman, 4. Art Swiden lost to light heavy Orville Pitts, 10. Solomon McTier bested Louis Jones, 6.

Lee Williams kayoed Tommy Black, 3. Bruno Scarabellin stopped Emil Vidal, 6. Curley Lee won over Art Mayorga, 6.

Alfredo Zuaney kayoed Walter Robinson, 2, and Cal Cooper, 1. Larry Zernitz stopped Bob Biehler, 5. John Carroll and Ted Martin drew, 6. John then beat Sonny Moore, 6, but lost to Herman Henry, 6. Aaron Wilson stopped Eli Bogalle, 3.

George Logan stopped Dick Tanner, 2. Sylvester Garrison halted Bo Willis, 1, and drew with Wayne Womochil, 8. Joe Hemphill defeated Al Lane, 6.

Marcel Limage stopped Andre Cottyn, 6. Gene Jackson beat Don Hobsen, 6. Wayne Whitner stopped Glen Brown, 2. Karl Heinz Wendt defeated Tony Emmanuel, 6. Bob Cleroux kayoed Eli Beiver, 5.

LIGHTHEAVYWEIGHTS

Yolande Pompey was halted by middleweight Rory Calhoun, 6.

Jesse Bowdry stopped Bobby Lane, 7. Donnie Fleeman kayoed Ray Augustus, 8.

Orville Pits outpointed heavy Art Swiden, 10. George Jarossch defeated Chuck Whittley, 8. Nelson Pocciono kayoed Alberto Benassi, 3. Art Miller lost to heavyweight Johnny Summerlin, 10. Jimmy Beau kayoed Dick D'Orsi, 4.

Bob Parish defeated Willie Gilbert, 10. Puggy Jones halted heavyweight Dave Rent, 2. Cardell Farmos defeated Dennis McCann, 8. Cal Cooper stopped Leon Hatcher, 4. Roger Rouse stopped Billy Ricks, 4.

Burke Emery defeated Don McAteer, 6. Johnny Fraitus bested Charlie Michaud, 6. Charley Pavilis kayoed Ruben Hernandez, 4. Harry Ball halted Danny Rooney, 3. Ted Martin and John Carroll, 6.

Frank Weisberger stopped Marion Guzzo, 3. Louis Bailey decisioned James Beard, 5. Freddy Mack whipped Eddie Bramlett, 6. Tommy Sims kayoed Bill Reddick, 1. Eddie McDonough kayoed Johnny Haywood, 1. Matt Plachy kayoed Ennis Cheatham, 3.

Harold Johnson kayoed heavyweight Oliver Wilson, 2. Neville Rowe edged out Redvers Sangoe, 8. Arthur Howard outslugged Willie Armstrong, 8.

Erich Schoppner won on a disqualification over Henry Cooper, 6. Ron Redrup stopped Jack London, 5. Sonny Ray defeated Louis Bailey, 6. Frankie Daniels kayoed Bob Parish, 5. Ossie Nelson stopped Kenneth Webb, 5. George Benton stopped Archie Whitefield, 5.

Sam Jones decisioned Earl Atley, 6. Willie Coleman kayoed Bill Pickett, 3. Cuevas II kayoed Victor Torres, 9.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Rory Calhoun stopped light heavyweight Yolande Pompey, 6.

Charley Joseph defeated Randy Sandy, 10.

Dick Tiger won the British Empire title by kayoing Pat McAteer, 9. Joey Giambra outpointed Andy Mayfield, 10.

Ralph (Tiger) Jones lost to welterweight Kid Gavilan, 10. Guillermo Diaz upset Cuban champion Baby Linares, 10.

Jimmy Martinez outboxed Norris Burse, 10. Mexican champion Alfonso Flores bested Jess Bogart, 10.

Victor Zalazar kayoed Roberto Gallardo, 2, and Juan Carlos Navarro, 2. Eddie Andrews kayoed Tony (Tex) Gonzales, 1, but lost to Otis Woodard, 10. Juan Carreras decisioned Paul Diaz, 10. Curtis Bruce halted Dick Hall, 5. Ubaldo Sacco bested Bernardo Romero, 10.

Bob Gordon bested Eddie Wright, 6. Karl-Heinz Guider and Woody Winslow drew, 10. Denny Moyer stopped Al Barbero, 3, Bob Berdhal kayoed Joe Green, 2. Ernie Smith kayoed Floyd Brooks, 2.

Mel Barker defeated Rocky Caballero, 10. Young Beau Jack outpointed Babe McCarron, 10, and Rusty Davis, 6. Al Andrews beat Ray, Wells, 6, and Jesse Gray, 8. Henry Hank kayoed George Boddie, 3.

Pinky Peralta decisioned Leo Corrales, 10. Al Avant decisioned Willie Long, 6. Rudy Ellis kayoed Pero Bradley, 5. Willie Patterson defeated Willie Barnes, 6.

Johnny Neal kayoed Grant Campbell, 3. Andy Figaro won from Tony Montana, 6. Leo Owens outscored Otis Woodard, 6. Cleo Frazier and Candy McGilmore drew, 8.

Frank Keating won over Billy Robb, 6. Boston Wilson halted Gene Turley, 2. Fletcher Lee halted Lupe Albarado, 2. Tommy Della Rocco kayoed Mike Pinelli, 1.

Mickey Dwyer beat Billy Priest, 6. George Carter whipped Jimmy Fields, 6. Jesse Smith won from Bernie Ford, 6. Billy Sudduth halted Elmo Henderson, 6.

Bobby Boyd outclassed Neal Rivers, 10. Billy Ellaway outfought Jack Woolard, 8. Terry Downes whipped Tuzo Portuguez, 8, after Portuguez drew with Ramon Correa, 10. Michel Diouf outpointed Martin Hansen, 10. Richard Bouchez stopped Constant Alcantara, 9. Kid Dussart decisioned Ben Buker II, 10. Leen Jansen halted Mohamed Taibi, 5.

Jimmy Morris outscored Rudolph Bent, 10. Art Aragon kayoed Bob Torrence, 9. Rudy Ellis halted Jim Dandy, 8. Rocky Fummerele kayoed Honey Brown, 4. Ernie Buford beat Clarence Riley, 8.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Mickey Crawford edged out Gil Turner, 10.

Duke Harris defeated Johnny Neal, 10.

Giancarlo Garbelli outpointed Boswell St. Louis, 10.

Kid Fichique stopped Baby Colon, 6, then outpointed Miguel Diaz, 12, to win Cuban Title. Del Flanagan outboxed Walter Byars, 10.

Kid Gavilan outscored middleweight Ralph (Tiger) Jones, 10.

South American and Argentina champion Martiniano Pereyra, 5. Federico Thompson kayoed Oscar Paez, 8. Gerald Gray defeated Henry Ferguson, 10.

Stefan Redl whipped Johnny DiGilio, 12. Ramon Fuentes was

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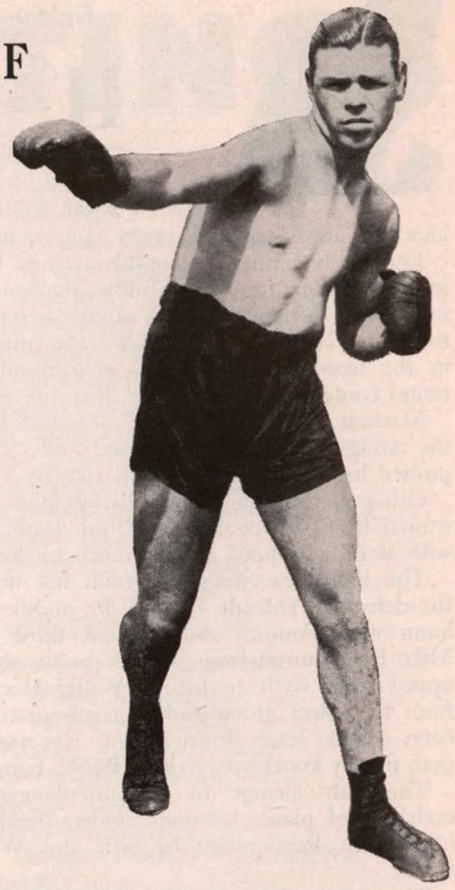
PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS—George Logan, Boise, Idaho
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS—Bob Parish, McMinnville, Tenn.
MIDDLEWEIGHTS—Vince Ferguson, New York, N. Y.
WELTERWEIGHTS—Al Mendoza, Mexico
LIGHTWEIGHTS—Billy Millsten, Kent, Washington
FEATHERWEIGHTS—George Reiter, St. Paul, Minnesota
BANTAMWEIGHTS—Johnny Morrissey, Scotland
FLYWEIGHTS—Pierre Rossi, France

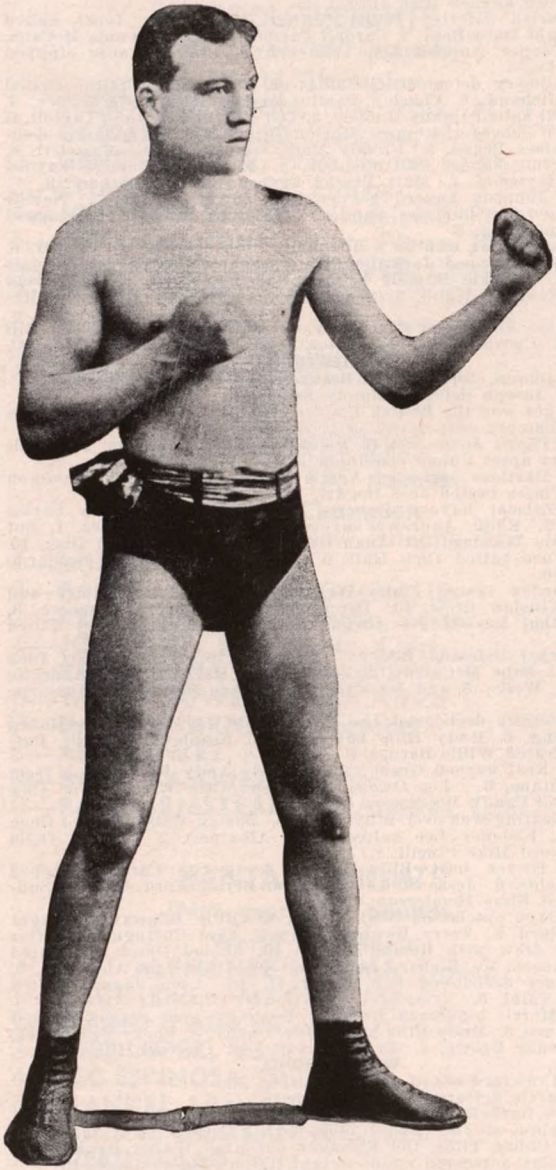
HISTORY AND TRADITION OF WELTERWEIGHT DIVISION PREDICT BRIEF REIGN FOR AKINS-MARTINEZ WINNER

Short-Term CHAMPS



Mickey Walker, who boasted fairly long reign of four years as king of the division. He won title from Jack Britton and lost it to Pete Latzo.

By JERSEY JONES



"Mysterious Billy" Smith, one of the early welterweight champions, had two brief terms with the title during the '90s.

WHETHER Virgil Akins of St. Louis or Vince Martinez of Paterson, N. J., becomes the next welterweight champion of the world, he'll have to buck some rugged history and tradition if he hopes to hold on to his laurels for any appreciable length of time.

For some strange reason, welterweight champions don't seem to last very long. Some of the most accomplished craftsmen the ring has known have been welterweight champions, and they've contributed many a notable chapter to the great classics of boxing lore, but somehow they just haven't been able to make extended terms of their tenures of office. If they don't lose the title in the ring, they give it up by outgrowing the class and moving in with the middleweights.

There is no definite record of exactly when and where the welterweight division came into existence. Early history of the class is somewhat vague. After delving through musty old files, however, it would appear that the division was created back in the '80s and that a Paddy Duffy of Boston had a fairly substantial claim to being the first champion.

In those pioneer days of professional boxing, there was a wide gap in avoirdupois between the lightweight limit (then 133 pounds) and the middleweight (154). Something had to be done for fighters who were too heavy for the lightweights and too light for the middleweights. A welterweight division was the happy solution. Originally the poundage was set at 142. Subsequently, as the various weight scales of the other divisions were revised upward, the limit shifted to 145, then to the now-prevailing 147.

Duffy, who was something of an idol in Boston, was the first claimant of the championship and his claim seemed clean enough after he had eliminated a few American rivals and a trio of British and Australian visitors to the United States.

Duffy's first important international triumph was at the expense of a Bob Lyons of England. They met in April, 1884, in a private club room in Boston. The bout was fought with bare-knuckles under London prize ring rules. After eleven rounds, lasting twenty-four minutes, Lyons' seconds conceded victory to Duffy.

Four and a half years later (on October 30, 1888), with skin gloves and Marquis of Queensbury rules prevailing, Duffy whipped Billy McMillin, another Englishman, in seventeen rounds at Fort Foote, Va.

Heading westward to San Francisco, Duffy was matched with Tom Meadows of Australia at the California Athletic Club on March 29, 1889. The fight, also with gloves and under Queensbury rules, was scheduled to a finish. Duffy won in the forthy-fifth round when Meadows was disqualified for repeated fouling.

Duffy's reign as champion was destined for an early, tragic ending. On July 19, 1890, less than sixteen months after his victory over Meadows, Paddy died in his native Boston, a victim of tuberculosis. He was only 26.

With Duffy's untimely passing, the welterweight title bounced around the open market for two and a half years before the two leading claimants, Mysterious Billy Smith and Danny Needham, hooked up in San Francisco. Smith was accepted as champion when he knocked Needham out in the fourteenth round.

For the next dozen years (1892 to 1904) the title moved along in fairly smooth sequence. Smith lost it to Tommy Ryan in Minneapolis, and Ryan was relieved of it by Kid McCoy at Maspeth, Long Island. When McCoy and Ryan both announced they could no longer make the welterweight limit, and moved up with the middleweights, Smith reclaimed the title and was recognized as champion until he lost on a disqualification to Rube Ferns in Buffalo. Ferns promptly engaged in a give-and-take series with Matty Matthews, Matty winning in Detroit and the Rube regaining the laurels in Toronto.

Joe Walcott next moved into the scene by beating Ferns at Fort Erie, near Buffalo.

It was in 1904 that the welterweight title figured in its first controversy. Walcott was disqualified in a bout with Dixie Kid in San Francisco, but the result was boisterously disputed. Walcott insisted he was still champion but most of the authorities were inclined to recognize Dixie. The argument didn't last long, however. The Kid ambled over to Europe, outgrew the welterweight class, and Walcott was again accepted as champion.

The "*Barbados Demon*" ruled until late in 1906 when he was beaten by Honey Mellody in Chelsea, Mass. Early in 1907 Mike (Twin) Sullivan whipped Mellody in Los Angeles.

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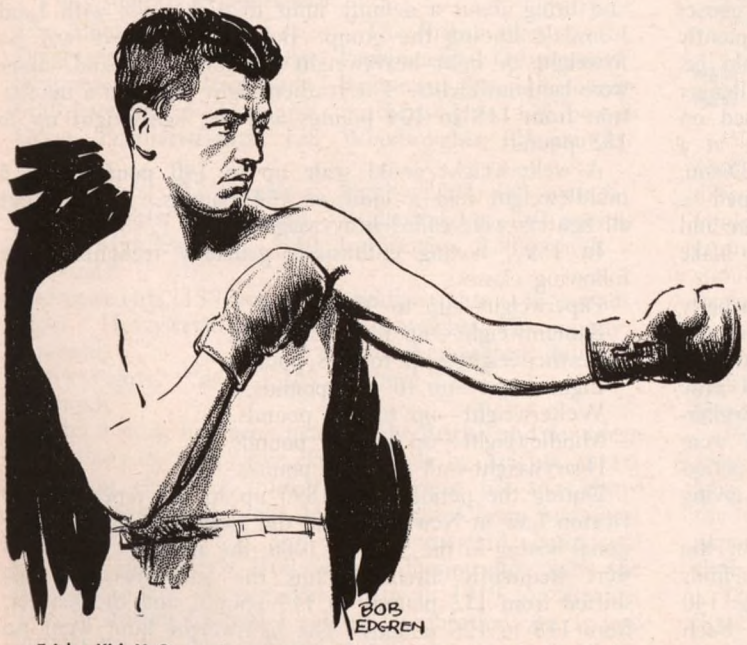

Tricky Kid McCoy, who outgrew division and relinquished title shortly after beating Tommy Ryan for it. Both McCoy and Ryan moved up to heavier middleweight class.

Here's the busy history of the welterweight title transfers since 1926:

June 3, 1927—Joe Dundee outpointed Pete Latzo at New York, 15 rounds.

July 25, 1929—Jackie Fields won on foul from Joe Dundee at Detroit, 2 rounds.

May 9, 1930—Young Jack Thompson outpointed Jackie Fields at Detroit, 15 rounds.

Sept. 5, 1930—Tommy Freeman outpointed Young Jack Thompson at Cleveland, 15 rounds.

Apr. 14, 1931—Young Jack Thompson knocked out Tommy Freeman at Cleveland, 12 rounds.

Oct. 23, 1931—Lou Brouillard outpointed Young Jack Thompson at Boston, 15 rounds.

Jan. 28, 1932—Jackie Fields outpointed Lou Brouillard at Chicago, 10 rounds.

Feb. 22, 1933—Young Corbett III outpointed Jackie Fields at San Francisco, 10 rounds.

May 29, 1933 — Jimmy McLarnin knocked out Young Corbett III at Los Angeles, 1 round.

May 28, 1934—Barney Ross outpointed Jimmy McLarnin at New York, 15 rounds.

Sept. 17, 1934—Jimmy McLarnin outpointed Barney Ross at New York, 15 rounds.

May 28, 1935—Barney Ross outpointed Jimmy McLarnin at N. Y., 15

May 31, 1938—Henry Armstrong outpointed Barney Ross at New York, 15

Oct. 4, 1940—Fritzie Zivic outpointed Henry Armstrong at New York, 15 rounds.

July 20, 1941—Freddie (Red) Cochrane outpointed Fritzie Zivic at Newark, 15 rounds.

Feb. 1, 1946—Marty Servo knocked out Freddie (Red) Cochrane at N. Y., 4 rounds.

(Later that year Servo signed to defend title against Ray Robinson, but after two postponements Marty retired.)

Dec. 20, 1946—Ray Robinson outpointed Tommy Bell for vacant title, at New York, 15 rounds.

(Robinson relinquished welterweight laurels in 1951 after winning middleweight championship.)

Mar. 14, 1951—Johnny Bratton outpointed Charley Fusari for vacant title at Chicago, 15 rounds.

May 8, 1951—Kid Gavilan outpointed Johnny Bratton at New York, 15 rounds.

Oct. 20, 1954 — Johnny Saxton outpointed Kid Gavilan at Philadelphia, 15 rounds.

April 1, 1955—Tony DeMarco knocked out Johnny Saxton at Boston, 14 rounds.

June 10, 1955—Carmen Basilio knocked out Tony DeMarco at Syracuse, 12 rounds.

Mar. 14, 1956—Johnny Saxton outpointed Carmen Basilio at Chicago, 15 rounds.

Sept. 12, 1956—Carmen Basilio knocked out Johnny Saxton at Syracuse, 9 rounds.

James J. Walker, Father of the Walker Law, who brought about the repeal of the rule that prevented "mixed bouts" in New York under legalized boxing.

Boxing

Divisions became stabilized only after the Marquis of Queensberry Rules were universally adopted

By NAT LOUBET

IN the days before glove contests were staged, there were no weight divisions such as we now have universally. Until the late 'eighties' there were no flyweight or light heavyweight classes. Any weight up to 112 pounds was looked upon as qualifying a fighter for the bantam class. Any one scaling over 154 pounds fought as a heavyweight.

Then came a change in 1888 when the Paperweight Class came into effect, a division which took care of boxers below the bantamweight section.

Between 1888 and 1910, when definite weight classes were adopted, a champion and his manager frequently decided what the weight limit of his division would be. Thus a featherweight champion would force his challenger to scale either above or below the class limit based on how effective he thought the challenger would be at a definite weight. Tom O'Rourke, manager of George Dixon, bantam and featherweight champion, frequently upped or lowered the weight for a title bout for both Dixon and Joe Walcott, his welterweight title holder, in order to make more certain that his champion would win.

Prior to the adoption of the Marquis of Queensberry Rules, which were drawn up in 1868, little attention was paid to boxing classes. In fact, little was heard about contests other than in the heavyweight division with only exceptional reports of bouts in the lightweight, welterweight and middleweight divisions. Classes which were adopted to care for the lighter men who in the early period of pugilism usually fought at catch weights, often giving away from 30 to 50 pounds.

Delving through the authoritative boxing books of the hundred years preceding the Queensberry Rules, one finds mention of contests in which an opponent scaling 140 pounds faced one weighing forty pounds heavier. Such a bout was recorded as a heavyweight affair. There were a few noted men in the lighter classes, but there was no definite separation of the divisions.

A heavyweight was one who registered beyond 154 pounds during the bare knuckle and skin-tight gloves era of boxing.

FIRST BIG CHANGE CAME IN 1888

Then in 1888 came a change. Definite classes were set after the Queensberry Rules were adopted and we find bantam, feather, lightweight, welterweight, middleweight and heavyweight sectors recorded. But the champion, not any special boxing organization, set the class limit, and he usually had a variation based on his physical condition. He would defend his crown at one weight and then, to suit himself, would lower or raise that weight for his next defense.

It was this manipulation of weights that caused disgruntled promoters, managers, referees and trainers to revolt and bring about a definite limit to each class, with Lord Lonsdale leading the group. Before 1888, there was no flyweight or light heavyweight divisions—112 and under were bantamweights. The featherweight class had a fluctuation from 118 to 124 pounds and the lightweight up to 132 pounds.

A welterweight could scale up to 140 pounds and a middleweight had a limit of 154 pounds. Beyond that all fighters were called heavyweights.

In 1890, boxing enthusiasts generally recognized the following classes:

Paperweight—up to 95 pounds.
Bantamweight—up to 112 pounds.
Featherweight—up to 118 pounds.
Lightweight—up to 132 pounds.
Welterweight—up to 144 pounds.
Middleweight—up to 154 pounds.
Heavyweight—all over 154 pounds.

During the period from 1890 up to the repeal of the Horton Law in New York that did away with open professional boxing in the State in 1900, the above weight limits were frequently altered. Thus the bantamweight class shifted from 112 pounds to 115 pounds and the feather, from 118 to 126 pounds. The lightweight limit went up to 133 and the welter to 146 with the middleweight up to 158.

There still was no light heavyweight class, but a paperweight class was organized in which many fights were staged with lads who scaled below 105 pounds. The limit recognized was 98 pounds. Since there were no regulatory bodies to enforce the weights, kaleidoscopic changes took place also in that division. Few fighters adhered to the scale.

Weights

Lord Lonsdale whose efforts in 1910 caused the establishment of universally recognized weights for boxing classes.

LIGHTHEAVYWEIGHT CLASS ORGANIZED IN 1903

In 1903, the light heavyweight class came into being, fathered by Lou Housman, manager of Jack Root, who figured that his man was too light to fight top heavyweights. He arranged a bout between Root and Kid McCoy for Detroit, a contest that newspapermen generally agreed would be for the championship in the new weight class and Root won. Three months later he was knocked out by George Gardner in 12 rounds. From that time on, the class was recognized in all countries where boxing was permitted.

In 1910, a big change took place when the British, collaborating with the Americans, decided on a new set of weight classes. Here are the classes as submitted by American delegation consisting of Bob Edgren, Beanie Walker, Lou Housman, Ed Smith, Tom Andrews, Bill Naughton, George Siler, Big Tim Sullivan, Tom O'Rourke, Tim Hurst, Charlie White, Bat Masterson, George Mandigo, Sam Austin, Steve Mahoney, Harry Edwards, John Pollock and several other famous American sportsmen and sports writers and members of the National Sporting Club of London representing the British, a group headed by Lord Lonsdale, Eugene Corri, and Lord Alfred Douglas.

The Proposed Weights were:

The American Plan	The British Plan
Paperweights, 105 pounds	Paperweights, 110 pounds
Bantamweights, 116 pounds	Bantamweights, 118 pounds
Featherweights, 122 pounds	Featherweights, 122 pounds
Heavy Featherweights, 128 pounds	Woodweights, 128 pounds
Lightweights, 133 pounds	Lightweights, 133 pounds
Welterweights, 142 pounds	Welterweights, 140 pounds
Light Middleweights, 150 pounds	Ironweights, 150 pounds
Middleweights, 158 pounds	Middleweights, 158 pounds
Light Heavyweights, 165 pounds	Heavyweights, 170 pounds
Heavyweights, over 165 pounds	Championweights, unlimited above 170.

After a study had been made of the British and American suggestions for distinctive classifications by weights, it was agreed to eliminate from the American list the Heavy Featherweights and Light Middleweight Classes and from the British, the Wood, Iron and Heavyweight classes, and to make the British Heavyweight division jibe with the American Light Heavyweight. Thus in 1910 for the first time in boxing history, a special classification was in use throughout the boxing world as follows:

Paperweight Class—Not over 105 pounds
Bantamweight Class—Not over 116 pounds
Flyweight Class—Not over 112 pounds
Featherweight Class—Not over 122 pounds
Lightweight Class—Not over 133 pounds
Welterweight Class—Not over 142 pounds
Middleweight Class—Not over 154 pounds
Light Heavyweight Class—Not over 165
Heavyweight Class—All over 165 pounds

NEW YORK ADOPTED NEW CLASSIFICATION

When New York legalized boxing with no-decision bouts under the Frawley Law, enacted July 25, 1911, a different classification was put into use in the Empire State. Under the heading, "Rules and Regulations for the Government of Boxing in the State of New York, Part II, it stipulated that the scale of weights shall be":

Paperweight 108 pounds
Bantamweight—115 pounds
Featherweight—123 pounds
Lightweight—133 pounds
Welterweight—144 pounds
Middleweight—158 pounds
Commission weight — 175 pounds
Heavyweight—All over.

The New York regulations were adopted by others and from 1911 until the Walker Law went into effect on May 24, 1920, legalizing 15 round bouts to a decision, the above weights were standard. However the name paperweight disappeared in 1912 and the Flyweight division, born in London in 1910, was substituted.

Then with the Walker Law the boxing rules of the State were altered to include minor division classes and an alteration of weights were made in several divisions. Here is what the new law called for:

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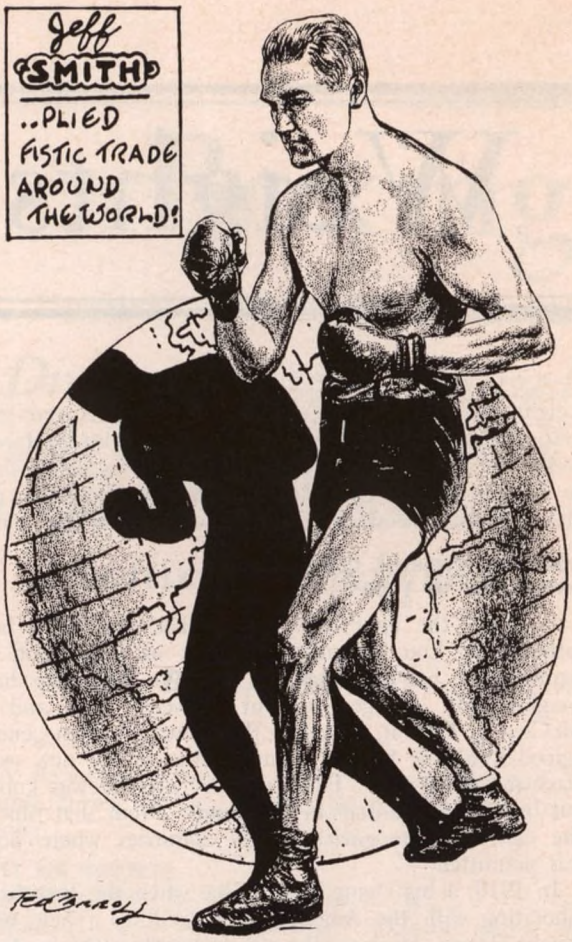
Marco Polo with Gloves

Globetrotter Jeff Smith Blazed World-Wide Trail

By TED CARROLL



BOXING is the most international of sports—before soccer football patrons roar dissent—let us remind them that while soccer flourishes over most of the Globe—in the United States this sport is strictly minor. Boxing titles today are distributed over the hemispheres, Nigeria, Argentina, Algeria, being all recent additions to the roster of nations called "home" by titleholders. While Americans still dominate the top spots, Uncle Sam's lads are being crowded out of them more and more, by aspirants from many lands. In recent years, even the Orient has discarded traditional types of combat in favor of western style boxing, and Africa—the "Dark Continent"—is casting an ever lengthening shadow across the boxing rings of the world.

No commentary on the world wide scope of boxing can be complete without hearkening back to the days of the man who has been called Boxing's "Marco Polo," Jeff Smith the old "Bayonne Globetrotter." Unlike the adventurous Venetian, who visited many strange lands to return with wondrous tales of what he saw, Smith was a pugilistic pilgrim who gave many a remote spot its first glimpse of a gloved gladiator who had mastered his profession.

While there was nothing exotic or romantic about the mill town in which he was reared, Bayonne, New Jersey, it became part of a nickname that gained world familiarity as Smith plied his trade in the far corners of the earth forty years or so ago.

Starting out in 1910, after two years of stateside campaigning, Paris, France, became Smith's first port of call back in 1912. In 1913 in the French capital, he engaged in one of the most celebrated continental bouts of the pre-World War I era, a twenty rounder with glamorous Georges Carpentier, then at the height of his glory as the Idol of France. Carpentier won, but his great popularity with the crowd, rather than any superiority over the young American, was called the deciding factor by neutral observers, after a nip and tuck contest for the full twenty rounds. That same year in Paris Smith engaged in another twenty rounder which is worthy of note, if for no other reason than that his opponent, de Balzac, was allegedly a member of the famed literary clan of the same name.

The following year, 1914, found the nomadic American far from the Paris boulevards, down under the Globe in distant Sydney, Australia. Smith fought four twenty round fights in Sydney, against fellow countrymen Eddie M'Goorty and Jimmy Clabby, and Aussie Mick King. He handled Clabby easily enough, but ran into stern opposition from M'Goorty, losing a disputed decision to the other invader.

In 1915, impressed Aussies clamored for a match between their great hero, ill-fated Les Darcy and Smith, the U. S. boxing master. The pair met twice in Sydney, both bouts coming to cloudy conclusions with the issue of superiority never firmly established. Both fights ended in fouls with Darcy the claimant both times.

The extent of Smith's wanderings is not revealed by his record, since it was his custom to proceed on long trips by easy stages, with frequent layovers, wherever the possibility of a workout or an exhibition presented itself.

On one of his travels, he halted at Gibraltar, where the British Garrison stationed there turned out four opponents who volunteered *"to have a go at"* the heralded Yank. Of course none of these had the experience to cope with a man like Smith, who toyed with them for a couple of rounds apiece.

In the Far East Smith interrupted his trip home from Australia with intermittent exhibitions and showings against whatever opposition was available, regardless of size or weight. He visited Singapore, Hongkong, Manila, Bangkok, Shanghai, Tokyo and Honolulu.

World War I interrupted his travels, but in 1920, following the Armistice, it was back to Paris, then London, then Paris again. Returning to the U. S. late in 1920, his methodical style of boxing, almost mechanical in its perfection, was ideally suited to heavy campaigning, and he became known as one of the great troupers of the ring.

He faced Harry Greb no less than ten times, in no-decision bouts in as many different cities, clever Mike Gibbons was a seven time foe.

Smith became a hero in the hinterlands including in his itinerary Mike M'Tigue in Halifax, N. S., heavyweights Bob

Roper and Marty Burke in New Orleans, Tommy Loughran in Philadelphia, tough Lee Anderson in the bull ring in Juarez, Mexico, Panama Joe Gans in Atlantic City, Young Marullo in New Orleans, Frank Moody in Portland, Me. and Gene Tunney in New Orleans.

It was Manager Al Lippe's claim that although Smith never caught up with a world champion who would risk his title against him, he defeated the middleweight champions of enough countries to give him a solid claim to the World's Championship, by beating the best men in England, France, Belgium, Australia, Canada and Mexico.

Smith never won a title for two reasons, the reluctance of the titleholders to face him, and one of the strangest hoodoos that ever plagued such an outstanding ringman. Recognized as one of the ring's great masters everywhere else, he seemed to become frozen with ineptness when boxing in New York City.

This was first evident in 1920, when he faced Mike O'Dowd. O'Dowd, a rough and rugged body puncher, while well regarded, was considered little more than a foil for the accomplished Smith who had handled the likes of Greb, Gibbons, Carpentier and Darcy with such efficiency, but O'Dowd won! The scientific Smith seemed unable to untrack himself as the gritty St. Paul warrior hustled and bustled his way to an astounding upset decision.

This could have been an accident, but the very next year Smith was back in the "Old Garden" for one of the most crucial bouts of his career. He met Mike M'Tigue, with whom he had had little trouble the previous year, winning

an easy fifteen round decision over the Irishman. This fight is still recalled by graybeards as one of the most disappointing ever held in New York. Cagy old Mike went into a shell and refused to lead, the spell of New York stripped Smith of his skill to such a degree that he fought as though mesmerized by the confines of the Garden, uncertain and unsure.

When M'Tigue's hand was raised at the end of fifteen dreary rounds, Jeff Smith's chances of ever wearing a ring crown had vanished.

It was back to boxing's way stations for the old Globetrotter. Tulsa, Cincinnati, Troy, Youngstown, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Erie, Dayton, Buffalo, Montreal, Worcester, Jersey City, Canton, where, in the friendly environs of small arenas he built up a legend of invincibility with victory after victory. But he never fought a major foe in New York City again and because of this his earnings were never commensurate with his ability.

By 1924, Smith's best days were behind him, but he was still so highly rated by boxing cognoscence that Gene Tunney's win over him on Dec. 2, 1924 was considered an outstanding achievement.

Although Smith had been fighting for fourteen years, and was greatly outweighed, Tunney himself has often described

his elation over his victory over Smith who had never been floored in his long career.

"When I floored that wonderful veteran," declares Gene, *"my confidence knew no bounds, and from then on, I was sure no one could defeat me."*

Following the Tunney fight, Jeff, a reticent chap, normally, confided to Jimmy Bronson who had handled him in the match, *"That fellow, Tunney, is a great fighter, he'll be the next champion, sure."*

Smith, whose real name was Jerome Jeffords, came of old American Revolutionary War stock. He was quiet and reserved in disposition, gentlemanly in conduct, both in and outside the ring. Weighing 158 pounds at his peak, he barred no man. Weight meant nothing to him and during a period when the "color line" was frequently resorted to by others, he ignored it. He has often said, *"One man I'm sorry I never met was Tiger Flowers, we would have drawn a great deal of money in Juarez. We were both popular there."*

He was a thoughtful analyst of the science of boxing. Far from flashy, he was one of the brainiest boxers of all time. His chief weapon offensively was a left hook, which packed plenty of power, however he seldom tried for knockouts, usually being content to demonstrate his boxing mastery. His career might have lasted even longer but for a peculiar double vision affliction, which was aggravated in one of his last fights, an unfortunate affair with Young Marullo in New Orleans.

Still a resident of Bayonne, he was until recently a city employee but his eye trouble forced him to relinquish this job.

For all his travelling, he found time to raise a fine family, and some years ago his three sons, Jerome Jr. now a Lieut. Colonel in the Army, Vincent, and Byron attracted much attention through their athletic exploits at Rutgers University.

Now sixty-seven years old he is in good health but for his poor sight, and after all these years is still revered in Bayonne as its greatest sports figure.

Among the uncrowned champions of the ring, a notable list which includes Sam Langford, Lew Tendler, Lloyd Marshall, Packey MacFarland, Ace Hudkins, Sid Terris and Tom Gibbons, all men who defeated many champions but never held titles, Jeff Smith must be included. While he never sat upon a boxing throne the old *"Bayonne Globetrotter"* displayed championship class in rings scattered throughout the entire world in his wanderings.

The international popularity of boxing today can be largely attributed to the pioneering performances of such world travelers as Jeff Smith.

REDL—Willing and Able

Redl, a diligent gym worker, says "Condition is over half the fight for me."

Steve's mother is flanked by his two sisters, their husbands and standing to his mother's left is a cousin. This photo was taken in Germany.

A real American, Steve looks like a hard working ranch hand. Redl spends a lot of his free time riding.

An accomplished Musician, Steve plays the piano and accordion as well as a mean sets of skins.

By LEW ESKIN

IN the early years of this turbulent century the people of Europe looked towards the United States as the *"Land of Milk and Honey"*. They had been told of the streets that were paved with gold and how everyone was a millionaire. Of course they found out after landing here that these tales were far from true, but for many they made these things come true by hard work and determination.

In the troubled days following World War II, these tales were being told anew to the war-torn people of central Europe and once again America opened her doors to let them seek refuge. A twenty-five year old lad who made the journey from across the sea to seek his fortune is Stefan Redl.

Although a carpenter by trade, Steve is making his mark with other tools, leather fists! An outstanding amateur boxer in Europe, Steve has become a top notch prospect in the welter weight division with a record of nineteen wins in twenty fights, thirteen of them by knockouts.

The only boy in a family of three he was born in Heregsalva, Hungary on March 5, 1933. His father, Frank, and his mother, Katherine, were of German descent. During the war his father served with the Hungarian Army and while on duty on the Russian front in 1942 was reported missing in action. His family never gave up hope that he would return when the war was over. But this never came to pass and in 1946 the family moved to a small village, Heidenheim, near Stuttgart, Germany, where his mother had relatives. It was here that Steve grew up and went to school.

While in high school, where he was a member of the soccer and track teams, he first became interested in boxing and by the time he finished school had developed into one of the top amateurs in Germany.

In 1952 he was defeated on a split decision in the finals of the Olympic trials. He competed as a member of the German team all over Europe winning 130 and losing but 8. He was the 126 pound champion of Germany in 1952 and the lightweight titleholder in 1954.

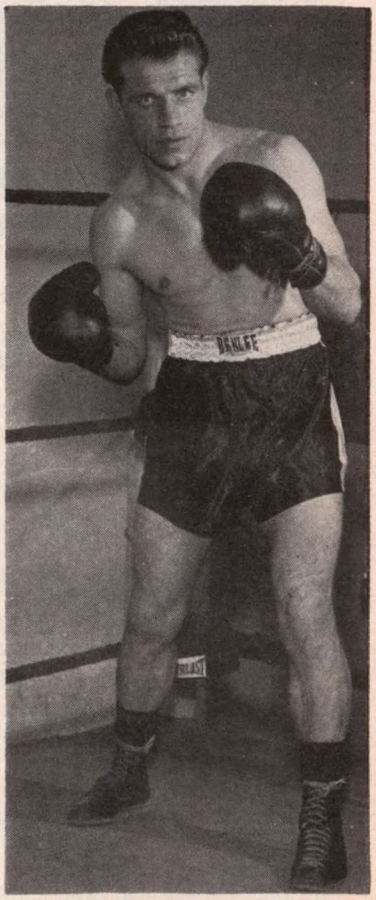
Redl had grown into a welterweight by 1956 and although he was doing well in his job as a carpenter he was like most young men restless.

His mother's brother, Frank Hepp, was always writing to his sister and telling her to come and visit him in America. Steve was anxious to accept this invitation. He wrote his uncle that he would come for visit. As he put it *"I not planning to stay, but to visit, I really like it, now I just go back to Germany for a visit."*

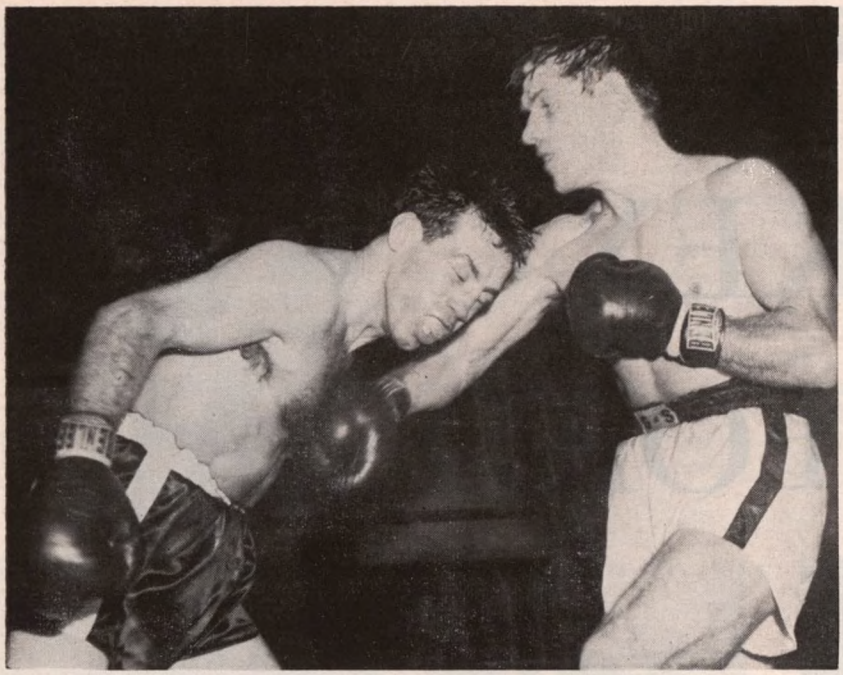
Redl arrived on February 14, 1956. Two months later he made his professional debut with a one round knockout over Wilmer Bonney in Paterson, N. J.

Steve's uncle and aunt Marie live in Passaic, N. J., a fast growing suburb of New York City. An old town that has outgrown the railroad that runs in the middle of Main St.

"You know, seeing the trains in the middle of the town, made me feel at home, as this is the way it is in many German and Hungarian towns," Redl said.



A short, powerful belter, Passaic, N. J. is proud of it's adopted son Stefan Redl.



The biggest win in Redl's (right) short career, he scores with a right to the head of exlightweight champion Paddy DeMarco in what was his first TV and main bout appearance.

Steve had picked up a bit of English, from the U. S. troops stationed near his home and also a love for baseball. With free time on his hands and nothing to do but sightsee Steve decided to drop in at a gym and work out.

The nearest gym was in Paterson, so that is where Steve headed. He had heard about Vince Martinez, the top fighter in Jersey, and wanted to go to the gym where he trained. But let Steve tell it.

"When I got to Paterson, I ask a policemen, where is the gym, he sent me to the closest place, not the one I want, but the Garden Gym run by Carl and Lou Duva. I arranged to workout, and they didn't let me out of there until I agreed to work for them."

As his manager, Carl, tells it.

"This tough looking blond kid comes in the gym one day, and in a broken English, tells us he is an amateur fighter from Germany and he wants to work out. Well, I said okay kid, just as soon as you pay for the use of the gym.

"My brother Lou had just started to promote boxing in Paterson and was on the lookout for new local talent, so when I saw how good this kid looked I called him and told him that I had a new fighter for him. I asked Steve if he wanted to fight pro, and told him I could get him a fight if he wanted me to manage him.

"Sure," he said, "and that was the start of it. Now instead of a stablemate, Martinez has a threat to his hold on the fistic fame of Paterson. In fact in his last fight Redl won the New Jersey State Welterweight title, something that Martinez missed, but that is getting ahead of the story.

In the short space of a few weeks, Redl was busy fighting his way up the fistic ladder. Following four quick kayos Steve made his debut in Madison Square Garden against a tough youngster, Tony Sansone. Redl won, but was far from impressive, as he was wild and floundered most of the time.

"I was very much over anxious to make good, so I tried too hard, and you no think I had so many fights, the way I fought," Steve related to me.

During these months, Redl was finding himself, not a visitor, but homesteader. He made up his mind to become an American citizen and took out his first papers and joined the National Guard in Paterson. As he began the task of adjusting himself to his new home he rapidly progressed as a fighter.

Just four days past a year after he had landed in America, he stepped into the ring at St. Nick's, in New York, for his first main bout, a big test on Television and against a top name foe, former world lightweight champion, tough little Paddy DeMarco. Paddy, a seasoned veteran, had defeated Kenny Lane, Jimmy Carter, Billy Graham and many other fistic stars.

"I was nervous like when I first fight in Madison Square Garden," Steve said. *"But this time I make up my mind to do good."*

Good is what he did. Redl pounded his way to a unanimous decision over DeMarco. The win was Redl's twelfth straight and gained him wide attention.

Redl turned in three more wins, two kayos then enlisted for active service with the Army.

"I was sent to Fort Dix, where I took training as a rifleman in the Infantry. I thought my trainer Johnny Sullo, made me work hard, but nothing like the army did."

The Army sent Steve to school, so that he could learn how to read and write English, correctly.

"This part of the Army, I liked very much, as we had some pretty girls to teach us", he said.

"I missed my Aunt and Uncle and all the friends I make. The other GI's kid me about Passaic, but I don't understand what so funny about it, I think it very nice town.

"I feel lonely, so I write and tell Carl when I get time off, I want to fight.

"I fight in Paterson, and all my friends come to see me, then I feel good again and not mind the Army."

After being returned to inactive duty this January, Steve moved back into fistic action and following a quick win over Willie Moore in Holyoke he was matched against Gale Kerwin in a main bout in Madison Square Garden.

"Again, I anxious to make good, I miss a lot and not get started until the last few rounds, then I trip and get knocked down and they say, I lose fight, but I know I win, and will fight him again, this time I knock him out."

The fight with Gale was a tough one, and although Redl feels he won, the official verdict went into the record book. The fight was an exciting one and neither lost a thing in the eyes of their fans.

Next time out Redl returned to Paterson where he easily outpointed Johnny DiGilio in 12 rounds to win the state title. He finished strong against a crafty ringwise opponent and looked very sharp.

"I don't know why, but when I fight in Jersey I do better, maybe cause it's home", said Redl.

"I am going to have a few more fights, then this summer I take a trip to Germany. I want to see my two sisters, Katherine who lives in Boblingen, and Elizabeth with whom my mother lives in Heidenheim.

"A few months ago my Uncle Frank bought a home and now I have a three room apartment by myself. I want to talk my mother into coming here for a visit. I know once she is here, so quick, she decide to stay."

When you talk to Stefan Redl, you feel here is a young man who is making a good American, and his friends all can be proud of him even if he doesn't leave his name in boxing's "Hall of Fame".

You can be sure when Steve gets to Germany, there will be new tales of the streets paved with gold, spreading out from Heidenheim and Boblingen.

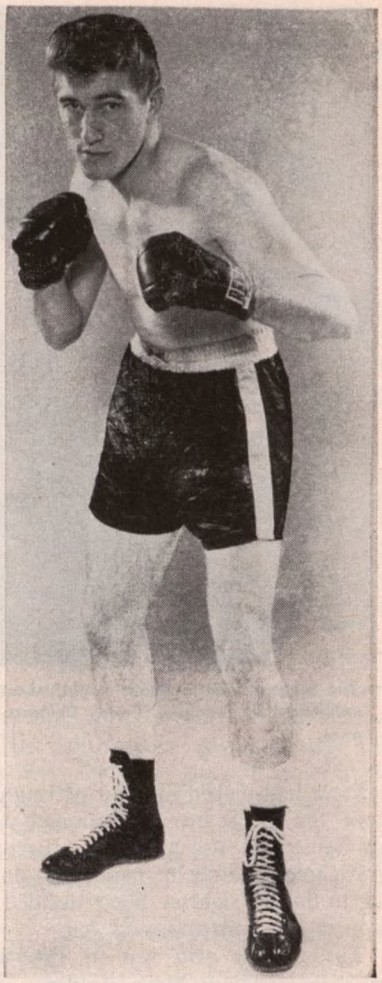
In his most recent outing he decisively won a ten round decision over Charlie Cummings at St. Nicholas Arena, in N. Y.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MICKEY CRAWFORD

A talented artist outside the ring as well as in, Mickey relaxes by painting with water colors.

Mickey with his mentor, Detroit businessman Art Greenwald, who has done a fine job in guiding his fistic career.



The young Irishman from Saginaw has already defeated ex-champions Paddy De Marco and Wallace (Bud) Smith as well as Chico Vejar and Gil Turner.

By FRED EISENSTADT

MICKEY CRAWFORD amazes the cynical in the sport-hardened men who'd become resigned to seeing skillful boxing gradually disappearing. But when Mickey is in the ring, they see cool, smooth movements, a deft left, a neat countering right; they see a good defense and observe Crawford calmly studying his rival's fighting style and finding a way to combat it. They look at a lad who has never been floored.

Old-timers who'd seen the best of yesteryear, watched Mickey Crawford at the St. Nicholas Arena where he opposed the rugged veteran Chico Vejar, on Jan. 11, 1958, boxing coolly, measuring his rival—taking it easy for the first few rounds. Then, having added up Chico's mode of boxing, Crawford went to work on him in earnest—with the result that he met Vejar's rushes with snappy jabs, hooks and countering rights and breath-taking combinations.

"Even those uninitiated in the finesse of fisticuffing," observes manager Art Greenwald, *"can see that Crawford is a skillful mittman; that he's no sloppy mauler, no wild swinger; that he does no unnecessary hopping around or clinching; that he knows what to do and how to do it. As for the experts in the sport—they can recognize that Mickey is a gifted ringman, endowed with ring qualities that eventually will bring him fame."*

Mickey made the ratings in less than a year. It was on March 28, 1957, when he handed former lightweight champ Paddy DeMarco a shellacking in ten rounds, that he first gained recognition. Then, on May 23—same year—when he trounced another ex-champion, lightweight Wallace (Bud) Smith, the Mick's ring popularity was assured.

The stoic Mick cracked the rating on March 28, 1958, at Madison Square Garden, when he held off the aggressive perpetual-motion Gil Turner, and scored a unanimous 10-round victory over him. That despite the fact that Turner —fast and powerful at 154 pounds—turned in one of the most dynamic fights of his 8-year ring career. It was a rousing battle, with Gil going all out to win; and Crawford—five pounds lighter—equally as determined. Mickey met his foe's desperate fist-swinging rushes with sharp jabs, hooks and uppercuts.

"Let it be understood," declared Art Greenwald, *"that both DeMarco and Smith were welterweight—as was Mickey—when he boxed the ex-titlists. It was truly remarkable, a revelation, the easy and confident manner with which Crawford handled the former champs: jabbing them off balance—then curving right clouts to the head. Can you blame me for crowing that I've got a future champion under my management?"*

It was, of course, his battles with Chico Vejar and Tex Gonzales—both at the St. Nick—that substantiated all the laudatory prognostications made in behalf of Mickey Crawford, though his ten-round victory over Pat Lowry—also a seasoned ringman—on July 9, 1957, cannot be regarded as trivial. The Mick regards this fight as his toughest. *"This guy can really hit,"* says Crawford, grin-

ning. *"Not only with his fists but with his noggin as well. "That's why he gave me such a hard fight—having butted me and opening a bad cut over my eye, he pressed me, roughed me, did everyting he could get away with in order to win. But I was as determined as he was. I got the duke, but it wasn't easy.*

"Funny thing," resumed Mickey musingly. *"I became discouraged and almost dropped boxing when I blew a decision, a five-rounder, to Don Wallace—on Aug. 21, 1956 —after six straight wins. That was when Art Greenwald came along and rescued me from my depression by becoming my manager."*

Asked how come he has no knockout punch, the Mick replied: *"Well, when I first started I could really hit with my right. But after hurting it I decided to resume boxing scientifically—as my father had taught me—instead of rushing in and slamming away in haphazard fashion. However, with time, I'll be putting snooze-producing power in my wallops. But I'm not kidding myself into believing I'll breeze to the top,"* he snapped his fingers, *"just like that. I realize that I'll run up against punchers who'll hurt me and cuties who'll confuse me; in short, the kind of opposition that's bound to discourage a guy who has little faith in himself and confidence in his ability to attain his goal."*

Mickey Crawford was born in Saginaw, Michigan, on March 11, 1934, and is the youngest of two boys. A high school graduate, he attended Meinzinger Art School in Detroit. *"Actually I began to learn boxing before taking up education,"* informs the young pugilist. *"My dad, who'd been a top-notch flyweight boxer—he's now a tool and die maker—began to show me how to sock and block when I was a toddler of maybe six or seven. Later I sparred with my brother. He used to smack me around quite a bit, which had infuriated me. But later I understood that he'd done it for my own good—since it taught me that being able to take punishment was almost as important as dealing it out."*

In 1949, the Mick entered amateur competition, winning 87 of a hundred tilts. Three years later he joined the Army, where he served exactly 2 years; most of them in Germany, having 15 fights. Crawford won the following amateur titles:

Bay City Golden Gloves—1950, '51, '52, '53; Grand Rapids State Golden Gloves—1952, '53; All-Michigan AAU—1953; Army Pan-American—1955.

Feeling that he'd garnered enough simon-pure championships for a lad of 19, Crawford turned his attention to pro competition, participating in his first affray for pay on Dec. 12, 1955.

"The Mick's second loss—a ten-round decision to Ralph Dupas—occurred in the latter's hometown, New Orleans, on Nov. 25, 1957," says Art Greenwald. This pleasant young fight pilot—owner of a prosperous business, the New Center Studios, a commercial photography firm and one of Midwest's major advertising agencies—is in boxing for the sport of it rather than financial gain. *"Dupas is a seasoned ring cutie and had sufficient boxing savvy to baffle Crawford in spots. I feel that it did my fighter more good than harm. Proved to him how much he still had to learn about the many tricks and strategems in boxing; that it is not as simple as slapping paint on canvas—it doesn't slap back but ring rivals do. I know that Mickey feels the same way I do about it."*

Crawford, admittedly skillful in stepping around on ring canvas, is equally able to decorate canvas with paint and brush. In fact, it's a moot question at which trade he excels: trading punches or painting pictures. Should you

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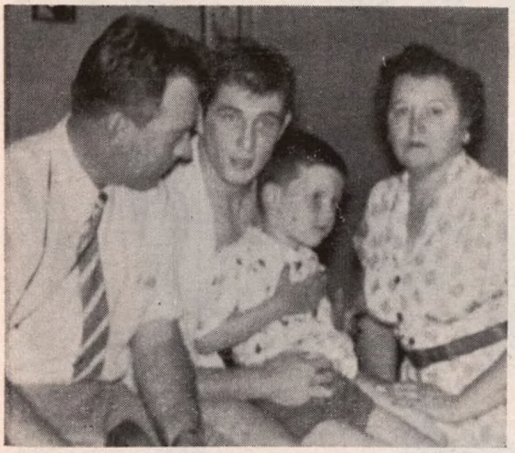
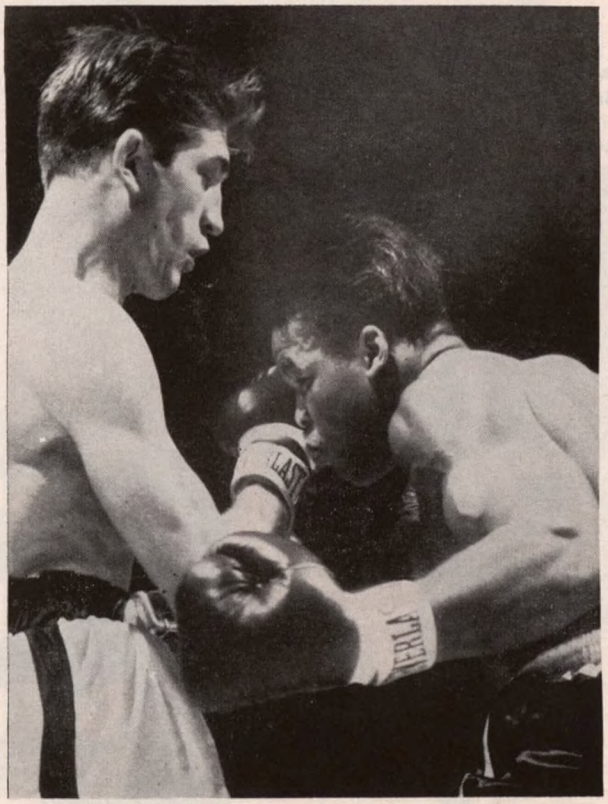


Mickey is holding young admirer Kim Stevens, as he chats with his friend Virgil O'Dell and his Mother.

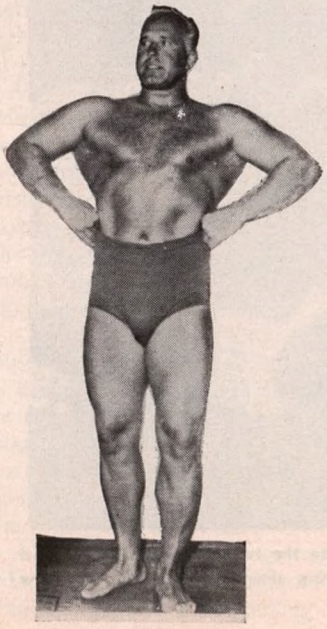
Mickey and a buddy while on duty with the Army. Crawford was a B.A.R. man.



The win that moved Crawford into the top ten. Here he lands a right uppercut on Gil Turner during their Garden bout that saw Mickey win a unanimous verdict.

The last mixed tag team match in Texas. Nell Stewart seen with arm pressure hold on Betty Hawkins just before pinning her rival at Houston. Nell's partner was Roberto Pico with Paul Boesch teaming up on the losing side with Miss Hawkins. Lone Star State Athletic Commission announced that this was the last such match that it would sanction.

Above: Danny McShane, "The Smiling Irishman", a villain with a heart of gold. Below: Steve Stanlee, blond, 235 pounder, who stands 6' even and is called "Mr. America."



THE MAT WORLD

By NAT LOUBET

THE fourth annual National Wrestling Fans Clubs Convention has been inked in for June 20 through 22 at Buffalo, N. Y. . . . Those who attend will not only enjoy the wonders of Niagara Falls, and wrestling every night within easy reach of all, but will be surrounded by some of wrestlings most interesting personalities. . . . Write to Bette Kreiger, Box 62, Little Falls, N. J., for al lthe dope.

Paul Anderson, 1956 Olympic weight lifting champ, is back in action after having his tonsils removed. . . . Pat Fraley, a top villain, will be playing a switch . . . he's training his son for a mat career . . . a clean cut one. . . .

Bill Melby of Salt Lake City, who didn't seem to catch on with the fans for a long time seems to have hit paydirt in Texas after a successful tour in Georgia.

Pat Schnee's "International Set" magazine, coming out of Hollywood, Cal., is full of interesting data on music, movie and wrestling stars.

Word from Mrs. Violet Smith that she is starting a Fan Club for Judy Grable . . . she can be reached at Box 54, Meadowlands, Pa. . . . Bob Leonard writes that he has formed a Dick Hutton Fan Club and that a bulletin will be forthcoming in the near future. . . . Bob can be contacted at 2930 Regina Ave., Regina, Sask., Canada.

George Hackenschmidt, who was known as the "Russian Lion," and who ruled the wrestling perch from 1891 to 1911 was in New York the other day. Now living in London, England, George arrived in the U.S. with his charming wife to lecture and give American publishers a glimpse at some of his writings.

At 81, the 5′ 10″ ex champ weighs in at 215 pounds of muscle.

"I run for 40 minutes at my club in London every day," said George.

He hasn't been active in the ring since he lost to Frank Gotch in Chicago in 1911 . . . the only loss in his long career.

"It might have ended differently if I hadn't injured a knee badly in practice immediately before the match," said the exmaster of the half-nelson.

What does he think of modern wrestling?

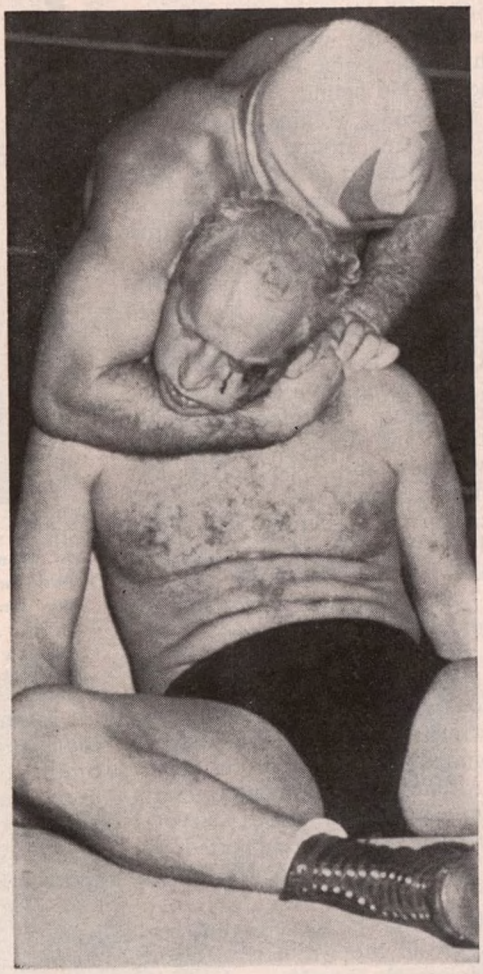
Although he handles five languages with authority his thoughts on the modern school of wrestlers would have to be censored by the Hayes office.

Since dropping out of the wrestling field Hackenschmidt has become a cosmic thinker . . . he has dedicated his life to mankind . . . *"For many years I have been engaged in research,"* stated the old master, *"research with regard to the mental and physical development of man."* He was last in this country in 1938 when he lectured at Yale and other universities.

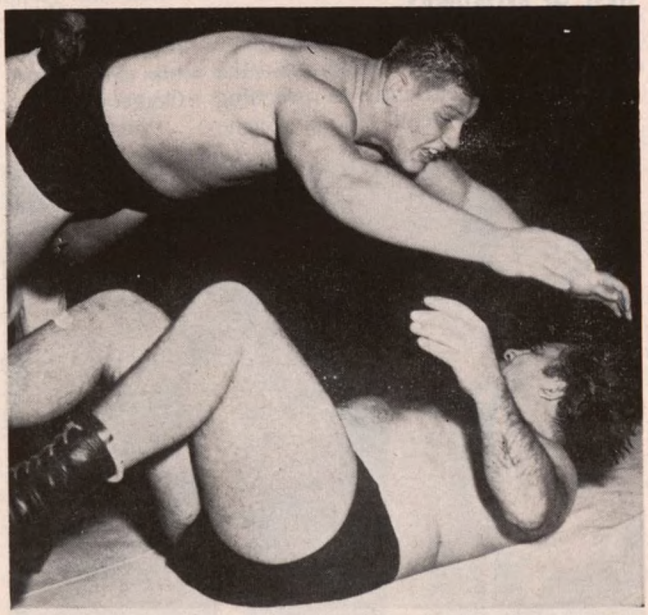
The Russians have us wrestling with more than one problem and we haven't learned how to grapple with any of them any better than we have with their strong men of the mat. The Russians have been through four cities, meeting an AAU picked U. S. squad, and they have made a clean sweep of the team matches. The U. S. contingent has barely been able to pick up a scrap here and there. In the most recent of the stopovers, at New York City, the Big Bears won their matches 6-1, with one draw.

According to our athletes the reason for the bad showing is our lack of knowledge when it comes to the rules used in international amateur competition. We lay too much emphasis on points and not sufficient on falls said one team member.

One thing is sure, that the Russians were superbly conditioned athletes who wrestled by the book. In wrestling lingo, they had the ability to throw their weight while at the same time protecting their balance. This makes it difficult for an opponent to gain a take down.



Texas junior heavyweight Dory Funk bleeding and in bad shape from being worked over by masked villain, The Great Bolo, came back to gain a draw in their Amarillo, Texas match.



Alex Karras, two time All-American football player from the University of Iowa seen in wrestling debut—about to land on Al Bull Montana. Karras defeated Montana in 4 minutes with a body press in their Des Moines, Iowa meeting.

STEVE STANLEE—"MR. AMERICA"
BY JANET STORY

Born in Chicago, Steve Stanlee started lifting weights at the age of seventeen. He lifted in many amateur tournaments, and won several championships. He is able to clean and jerk as much as 350 pounds.

It was while working out in the Y.M.C.A. gyms around Chicago that Steve first became interested in wrestling. He decided upon a professional wrestling career after winning a tournament in Columbus, Ohio.

Steve attended Lane Tech and Northwestern University, where he studied mechanical engineering. He was a machinist's mate, first class, in the Navy during the second World War.

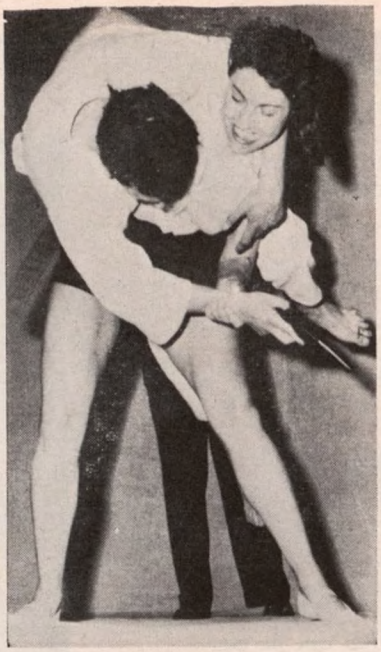
"Mr. America" is noted for his superb body, and keeps in shape with daily workouts and a controlled diet. His measurements are: neck, 17½ inches; Upper arm (natural) 17½; Forearm, 13¼; Wrist 7¾; chest, (natural) 47; waist 36; hips, 44; thigh, 28; and calf, 17 inches. Steve stands six feet even, and weighs 235 pounds.

The blond-haired Stanlee is a top-notch grappler. Steve has wrestled in many foreign countries, as well as in his native United States, and has met the best competitors the mat world has to offer. Although he sometimes reverts to rough and rugged tactics, Steve is very popular and is supported by several fan clubs in the U. S. and Canada.

Frank Sexton is Steve's choice as the best of all the wrestlers. "Yukon Eric" Holmbeck gets his nod as the strongest of them all, but Stanlee himself is no weakling, and could give Eric a good "run for his money".

WEST OF BROADWAY
WITH JOE DIEHL

The outstanding stars of the wrestling world currently campaigning in the mid-west include Verne Gagne of Minnesota; Dick the Bruiser of Indiana; Hans Schmidt; the Volkoff Brothers, Boris and Nicoli, a top tag team; Angelo Poffo, Bobby Managoff and Bob Konovsky.



At Athens, Greece, 24 year old Anna Razi, for the second successive year won the Amateur Athletic Club's Women's Ju Jitsu championship. Here she is showing how to disarm a man armed with a gun.

Konovsky plays football with the Chicago Cardinals during the grid season. He turned to wrestling last January and plans to campaign on the mat as much as possible between football seasons. Konovsky wrestles out of Cicero where his father happens to be the Police Chief, which should afford him plenty of protection when he grapples in that territory. Poffo has a novelty in Bronco Lubich, his manager and adviser, who wears a tux and carries a cane. Shades of Gorgeous George!

Tub-thumper Dick Axman informs us that Promoter Fred Kohler who features major mat cards in the Amphitheatre once a month and wrestling cards every Saturday night in the Marigold Arena has imported several Puerto Rican wrestlers because of their great drawing power below the border. The latest is Rafael Alvarez of Guajama, Puerto Rico, a 22-year-old performer.

Alberto Godoy, a Spanish heavyweight, is another newcomer, making a hit in Chicago.

There are several new attractions in Chicago, among them being Ivan the Terrible who wears his hair long and sports a beard. The Lady Angel, a bald-headed girl grappler, is also kicking up a fuss in this vicinity.

Other girl wrestlers in the Chicagoland area include Rose Roman, Ramona TeSelle, Ada Ash, and Sharon Lass—all of them "lookers," resembling "show gals with muscles."

A former girl grappler, Betty Green, who headlined many cards throughout the mid-west for Jack Pfeffer, is currently living in Chicago. Betty retired a few years ago but still maintains an avid interest in the game.

Tiger Joe Marsh, the thespian-grappler, wrestled in Chicago a couple times during the winter. Rex the Hex, the collie with "the Evil-Eye Finkle" who once served as a mascot for the Chicago Cardinals football team, was to have worked in Marsh's corner, but pulled out at the last minute due to other commitments, leaving the harassed Marsh to shift for himself. Tiger Joe has been busy acting on the legitimate stage and in movies.

Milwaukee, under the promotion of John Heim, with Fred Kohler serving as match-maker, is enjoying considerable success. Shows are being held in the "baseball capitol of the world" in the Auditorium and the Arena, with smaller neighborhood shows being staged in the South Side Armory.

In addition, there are regular shows in Madison, and Sheboygan, Wisconsin and in Zion and Rockford, Illinois.

Rockford has a live studio show every other Tuesday under the direction of Joe Baish with talent furnished by Bill Kohler.

Recent results:

6,640 fans in the International Amphitheatre, Chicago, watched Verne Gagne win two falls out of three from Dick the Bruiser; The Bruiser took the first fall in 13:20, while Gagne won falls in 7:00 and 4:12.

In other matches, Yukon Eric and Hans Schmidt drew; Pat O'Connor and Bob Konovsky beat Boris and Nicoli Volkoff when Boris was disqualified for kicking; Angelo Poffo drew with Bobby Managoff; Lady Angel beat Sharon Lass in one fall, and Rafael Alvarez defeated Gypsy Joe in one fall. The gross gate was $17,668.39.

Ring Magazine Correspondent Bob Utter photographed with painting of Nat Fleischer done by Paul Cooper, an inmate of the Indiana Reformatory.

At Marigold Arena, Chicago, Boris and Nicoli Volkoff beat Billy Goelz and Bobby Managoff, two falls out of three in a tag match, the feature event of the evening.

In other matches, Chest Bernard beat Jack Wilson, one fall; Jackie Nichols defeated Gypsy Joe, 1 fall, through disqualification; Alberto Godoy and Carl Engstrom, drew, and Bob Kappel beat Porferio Longoria, 1 fall.

ABOUT DANNY McSHAIN—
BY VIOLA G. MAY

BENEATH that camouflage of steel is a man of many moods, yet like most of the so-called villains he has a heart of gold. Danny McShain has been referred to as the "Smiling Irishman", the "Fighting Irishman" and the world's toughest, the most colorful wrestler.

Danny's parents came to the United States from County Cork, Ireland and Danny was born soon after in Parkdale, Arkansas. *"My good father kissed the Blarney Stone before he left Ireland,"* admits Danny, *"and some of it rubbed off on me."*

When Danny was ten the family moved to Southern California where he attended grammar school. At Glendale High School he began to wrestle and box. After matriculating from high school he attended U.C.L.A. With his eyes on a law degree he continued to box and wrestle.

His leaning toward track was aided and abetted by some of the best known sprinters of the day. He was a cinch to run the hundred under ten seconds. Danny's father had other ideas. *"It is not like an Irishman to learn to run. You ought to learn how to stand still and fight."*

During his last school years he loved the idea of fighting his way out of tough places on the mat. He began to forsake the libraries in favor of gymnasiums and traded legal advice for mat instructions. Three epic events occurred almost simultaneously in McShain's life. He hung out his shingle and won his first case; took out his wrestling license; had his first pro match, to him a very big victory, and finally his first cauliflowered ear. It was that ear that decided Danny to toss out the shingle and stick to wrestling. One of his partners in the law firm thought it undignified to have one of their employees with a tin ear. It is Danny's opinion that this unceremonious notification proved to be the biggest favor rendered him. In a few years time, he was in a position to buy the firm and offered to do so.

Most men consider law a profession, but Danny uses his diploma to decorate the wall in his den. He prefers wrestling to law as a means toward earning a living.

Once, while wrestling in a Texas city, a group of lawyers who watched him on TV resented his claim as a lawyer. After checking with the Bar Association they attended one of his matches en masse, apologized for their behavior and became some of his best fans.

He had 21 months of active service in the Atlantic and Pacific on destroyer escort duty. There's no end to Danny's titles. Three times world's light heavy weight champion for a total of five years; two years Junior Heavy Weight Champion; sectional titles such as champion of Texas, California, Oregon, Washington and Arizona.

The Pacific coast Light Heavy Weight and Junior Heavy Weight champion when that title was considered world's title by many states. He is most proud of the Brass Knucks Trophy which was created in Houston, Texas, and to quote him *"There's more to come."* He remains in the heavyweight class which is the one he can't outgrow. He is most anxious to get a crack at the heavy crown.

McShain's injuries would make a Blue Cross salesman have nightmares. Broken leg, toe, hands, arm, jaw, collar bone, chest bone, ankles, nose broken several times, 187 stitches on head and eyes, ribs broken 15 times—this could go on and on without end. He claims they can't whip him nor find a spot that hasn't been broken, bruised or fractured. He threatens that all hospital trips from here on will be for his opponents and is considering seriously the idea of owning and operating his own ambulance service in order to get rich quicker.

He is not in accord with the "colorful" descriptions painted of him by fans and sports writers, which implies something soft and sissy. In his own words *"The only word I want used to describe me is TOUGH with a capital T."*

His present weight is 210 to 215 pounds and his height is 5 ft. 10½ inches.

He wants all and sundry to know that he does not have to wrestle for a living and is not driven to competition by hunger but merely his Irish love for a good scrap. He states *"The worst injury I could ever get is to fall off my bank roll."* Truthfully, money isn't everything in his life—he wrestles because he loves it.

He loves to indulge in an evening of music and poetry. At home he is often found seated at the baby grand piano improvising melodies or seated in his den with a volume of ancient philosophy. One of his favorite pas-

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Paul Anderson, Olympic weight lifting champion and now a professional wrestler on the Pacific Coast, flexes his biceps for admiring movie queen Mamie Van Doren.

Rocky Marciano, ex heavyweight boxing champ of the world, warns villain Stanley Kowalski to obey the rules or else. Imported to California to act as a referee Rocky will tolerate no nonsense from anyone when he is in the ring.

RATINGS ARE BASED ON ABILITY; BASILIO COMPLAINT IS JUSTIFIED; TAX BILL FOR ATHLETES INTRODUCED

THE National Boxing Association has been asked by Commissioner Paul G. Sullivan of Pennsylvania to adopt a resolution at its next annual session to give increased recognition "to talented boxers who have been unable to obtain fights regularly."

Sullivan suggests that Fred Saddy, Chairman of the Rating Board, use a waiting list, established for boxers unranked in the top ten but deserving of consideration in such selections. Specifically he mentions several boxers from his home state who he says, "*like many other boys in other localities, fail to get recognition because they lack the contacts to attain television bouts.*"

I wonder whether Commissioner Sullivan is aware that those who rank the world boxers, whether it be someone from the National Boxing Association, The Ring or any other organization, make up the monthly ratings from such a list as he proposes! Commissioner Sullivan recommends that only those who are officially recommended by state, provincial or national commissioners be placed on the waiting list and that "*time worn campaigners, many of whom have long since ceased to resist the law of chronological gravity, and continue to parade before the TV cameras to keep their aged, tired faces in view, be tossed out of the rankings and young, eager ones replace them.*"

Well said, Commissioner, but how many such young, talented boys can you name other than the few club fighters who appear in your home state. The veterans are listed merely because they still are the best in their division.

It's tough to obtain ten names for at least three divisions, the light heavyweight in particular, who are sufficiently talented yet Commissioner Sullivan would have these tossed out to make way for incompetents who rate far below the veterans who are currently ranked. It's not so easy, Commissioner. Try it and see how far you'll get. Then let us know of your results.

I wonder how many international or national boxers of outstanding ability the Commissioner has seen in action!

GAVILAN ILLUSTRATES FALLACY OF SULLIVAN PROPOSAL

The case of Kid Gavilan of Camaguey, Cuba, illustrates the point. Here is a veteran who held the world welterweight title, started boxing as a pro fourteen years ago and continues to engage boxers of prominence. Although he has lost a number of bouts in the last three years, he also has won against competent opponents and most of his fights have been close with a split decision ending quite a few in favor of his rival. But the fact remains that he continues as a good drawing card and gives the fans a run for their money. He is superior to most of those whom the proposal of Commissioner Sullivan would favor over the veterans and that is why Kid Gavilan continues to be among the internationally rated talent.

In his last fight with tough Tiger Jones, he won a split verdict though the majority in the Philadelphia arena saw him a clear winner. Does Commissioner Jones and his colleagues think that veterans who have retained sufficient ability to remain among the top ten should be ousted to favor some local lad who has stirred the imagination of his followers because he has won a number of contests with mediocre opposition?

Most assuredly if a newcomer has displayed real ability, no matter how few his fights provided they have been with prominent boxers, then he belongs among the ranked ten. Gene Armstrong of Elizabeth, New Jersey, is an example.

Popularity should play no part in ratings. Nor should personal friendship with boxer or manager.

So far as **The Ring** is concerned, we take into consideration ability, not pull or push, such as many commissioners urge upon us—but without avail. We take into consideration the world standing of a boxer—the calibre of the opposition, the manner in which a fight has been won or lost and the general all-around display of talent in recent contests.

Victories alone don't count sufficiently to get a rating for a boxer. There are some who become local heroes by winning a dozen or more fights in a row, yet are only third or second raters. That's something Commissioner Jones should think over. A local hero whom he wants to see in a nationally televised main event, may be only an ordinary fighter so far as national boxing is concerned.

We have seen numerous incompetents on TV during the past two years, fighters who definitely should have been shunted to the side lines because they didn't belong on such a program. They could well have been dispensed with for the benefit of boxing. They could do nothing to uplift the sport yet they were given the bouts because someone in authority was afraid to say "no". The cases of Orlando Zulueta and Wallace Bud Smith come to mind.

Commissioner Jones thinks that boxing would be benefitted if we tossed the vets out of the ratings, eliminated those

whose names have repeatedly appeared and substituted local talent, suggested by the various commissions, so that these boys could obtain a shot at television. Well what assurance has Commissioner Jones that even were that practicable, his suggestions would be carried out? It is a matter of record that the boxing commissions as a whole no longer control the sport. Mobsters with undercover managers rule the roost. They are the ones who give the orders if we are to believe what is hearsay in fight circles and which we believe but to date we have been unable to prove.

If the commissions showed backbone and turned thumbs down on any of the matches which when submitted for their approval they OK because they are looking forward, not to the uplift of boxing but to how much they can toss into the State treasury of their state by keeping in the good graces of the promoters, we would have no need for such proposal as Commissioner Jones made. A housecleaning will do more than any such new order. That goes for many commissioners as well as fight managers and promoters. There are many young boxers with sufficient talent to be given top billing on TV, but apparently they haven't the right connections. That's something for the commissions to regulate. But when interviewed on the subject they answered, "We are commissioners, not . . ? ? ?."

What is a commission for if not to regulate the sport and see that proper matches are made?

Those who rate the boxers—at least it is so with The Ring—quickly note the progress of new talent and don't hesitate to give such talent our recognition. It was The Ring through its ratings for many months before any commissions gave them any recognition who placed such world prominent figures as Hogan Bassey, Willie and Vic Toweel, Randy Turpin, Dave Sands, Bobo Olson, Roy Harris, Kid Gavilan, Cherif Hamia—yes—even Joe Louis among hundreds of others into the fistic spotlight. We listed them long before the NBA even knew who these men were.

No pull, no push, no friendship, no suggestions from the NBA or any other Commissions were required or are now needed to get a b er in our ratings. Our competent staff looks after that.

"IT'S UP TO RAY AND NORRIS," SAYS FORMER MIDDLE CHAMP

One cannot blame Carmen Basilio for his peeve at Jim Norris and the International Boxing Club for entering into an agreement with Ray Robinson whereby the newly crowned world middleweight king is to receive 45 percent of all receipts of another contest with Basilio should the pair be matched for a third bout. Interviewed by The Ring Editor, Basilio said:

"I wasn't aware that any such agreement was made prior to our Chicago fight and I think that Mr. Norris has overlooked the fact that I was as much the drawing card as was Robinson. In fact I think more people were interested in me than in my opponent and the least I should get is an even break such as I gave Ray in our last contest. I'm in no mood to see Robinson get all the breaks.

"So far as I'm concerned, I don't know as of now, whether I'll fight him again or fight at all. Kay, my wife, is eager for me to retire. We have plenty put aside for a rainy day and there are other fields, such as insurance, in which I can make a good living should the necessity arise or should I decide to keep active after retiring from the fight game. Of one thing I'm certain—there will be no rubber match with Robinson getting the bulk of the dough. He can't obtain a good pay day without me. He knows it and so does Jim Norris.

"If I decide to continue boxing, something of which at this time, I'm uncertain, it will be at terms suitable to me and not to Robinson.

"It will be up to my wife and me to decide our future move and to Robinson and Norris if our decision is in the affirmative. I have many things to consider about my return to the ring—my health, my family, my soul and the financial returns. As I remarked when you interviewed me in Chicago and you informed me of the existing contract between Jim Norris and Robinson, there definitely will be no fight with Ray unless I receive 50 percent of the returns. It will have to be an even split no matter what Robinson's contract with Norris calls for. And that goes for gate receipts, television, movie and radio rights. My wife will help me make my final decision but the last word will be up to me. Kay will stand by me in any decision I will make."

And so it is now up to the International Boxing Club to see what Jim Norris and his advisers can do with Robinson in an effort to obtain a rubber match.

21 year old Burlington, Vt. amateur who died following a knockout defeat at Glens Falls, N. Y., James Poirier was the first boxer to die of injuries received in a fight in the Empire State since Georgie Flores in 1951.

TAX AVERAGING BILL INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

A group of prominent theatrical and sport personages have been named on a committee supporting a preliminary study presently being conducted on tax averaging. This study is of utmost

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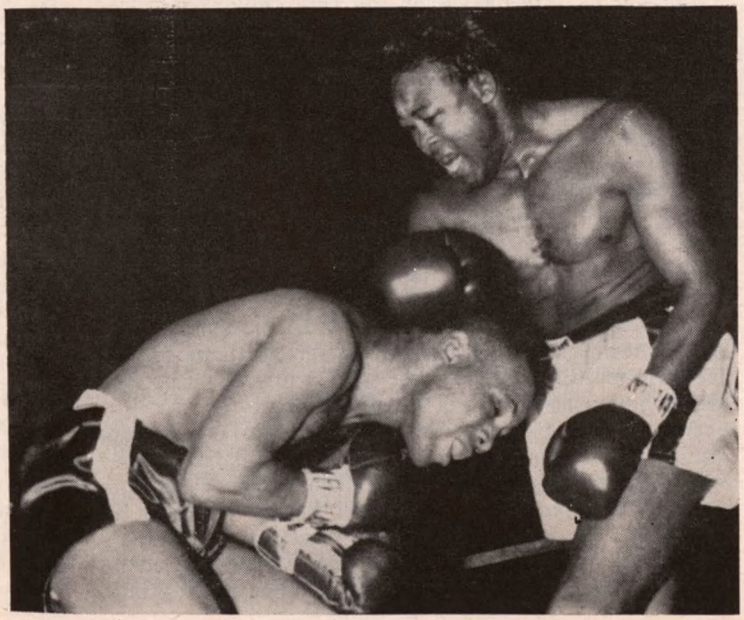
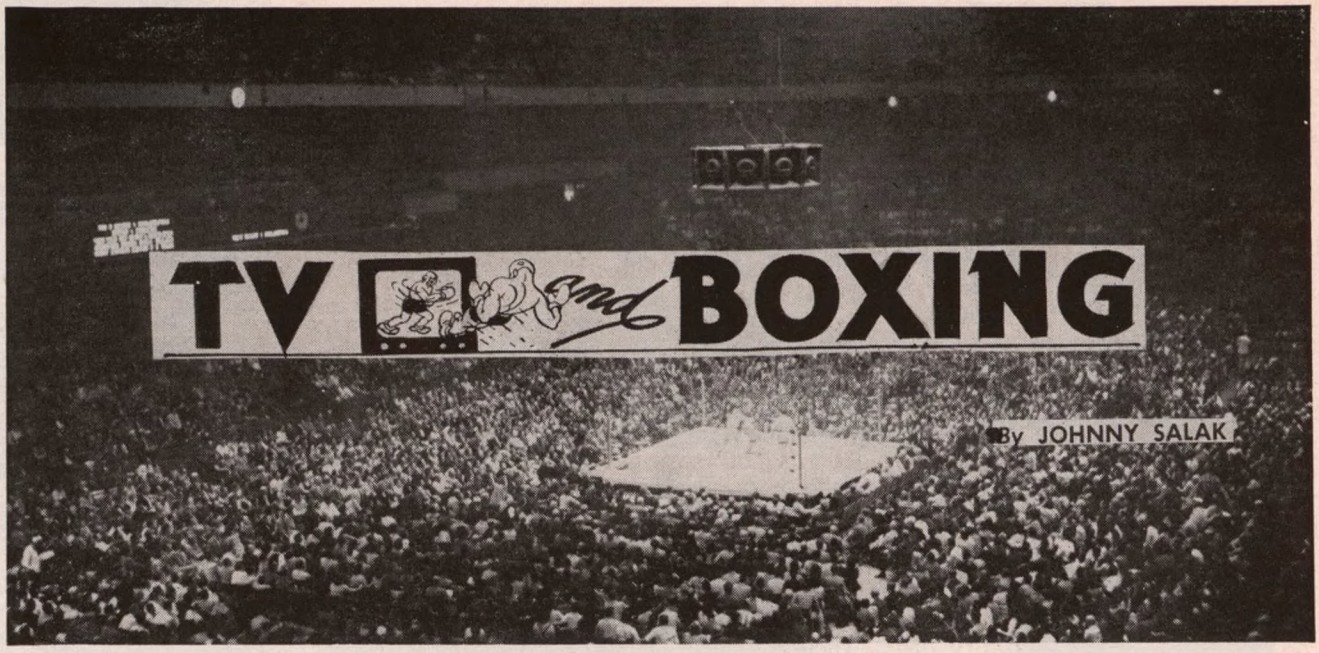


Former welter king Kid Gavilan lands a right to the head of bobbing Ralph "Tiger" Jones during their rubber match at Philadelphia in which the "Cuban Hawk" took down a split decision verdict. It was a big step toward another shot at the welterweight crown for the 32 year old veteran of 137 fights.



THE return bout between Ray Robinson and Carmen Basilio for the world middleweight title in Chicago was the most successful closed-circuit telecast of any sporting event in history, it was recently announced by Irving B. Kahn, president of TelePrompTer Corporation. The final count tabulated from phone calls, telegrams and letters documented the fact that 364,876 people in 174 outlets in 140 cities saw the fight on closed-circuit television. 201 pieces of projection equipment were used, employing 1,000 engineers and technicians.

The over-all increase in attendance over last year's closed-circuit telecast of the Basilio-Robinson fight was more than 80,000 paid admissions.

Sid Flaherty, who presented the fight on four closed-circuit television screens in San Francisco's Cow Palace, as well as in leading cities in the Pacific Northwest, said, "The picture was exceptionally good and the big news was the fact that we used four screens in San Francisco, four in Spokane and three in Seattle. It gave the thing a real fight crowd feeling."

Dave Wallerstein, president of Balaban & Katz, largest theater chain in the Midwest, was very enthusiastic in saying, "This is the first time we have ever had decent reception."

Irving Kahn of TelePrompTer was pleased with all aspects of the telecast, including the receipts, though for this initial major effort in boxing for TelePrompTer, it is extremely doubtful that his organization could count on any profits. "Here was the first true national example of pay TV," said Kahn. "The kind that takes nothing away from the home viewer and makes possible a great future for top attractions. TelePrompTer will be an active participant for all major sports events from here on in and the public, as is their right, will determine what they will pay to see and what they will not. This is the type of economics that must lead to a healthy sports situation."

Many sports fans will take issue with Mr. Kahn on his statement that nothing is taken away from the home viewer, for there was a time that a fight such as this would be seen by the home viewers free of any direct charge.

Also, we are wondering whether TelePrompTer's enthusiasm isn't running away with them when they state that they will be an active participant for all major sports events from here on in. Certainly, it is a well known fact that an operation such as this can only be successful in obtaining the top major sports events. The World Series is tied up for a number of years, as are the outstanding football bowl games. What is left for TelePrompTer, as far as we can see, is boxing and whether they can squeeze out more than two or three top fights a year is problematical.

We believe that TelePrompTer, or any like outfit, cannot possibly sustain itself with the limited sports events that are open to them, taking into account the fabulous costs of putting over such a telecast and the tremendous year-round overhead which an organization of this type must have. While we have no figures to substantiate our next statement, we very much doubt that Theater Network Television, which lost out in the bidding for the fight to TelePrompTer, ever realized any profits from boxing in the several years of its existence.

On the whole, throughout the country, the reception was the best ever, the fans were well pleased and the innovation of running several live preliminary bouts proved successful and was a healthy trend for the sport. It is noteworthy that where live prelims were held in most instances the receipts had a substantial upward swing. Perhaps some local promoters will be encouraged to step out on their own.

While no complete figures for receipts were given, it is estimated that the "theater gross" came to about $1,400,000. The International Boxing Club realized between $330,000 and $340,000, paid to it by TelePrompTer, after Irving Kahn's organization had split fifty-fifty with the theaters on receipts.

Down in Houston, Texas, the telecast was preceded by four good scheduled four round bouts presented live. A complete sell-out was reported at the Coliseum, with the crowd of 4,500 contributing a gross of $17,439. Last year the fight in Houston attracted only 2,000 fans. All seats on the main floor of the Coliseum faced north and were reserved; others were on a first-come, first-served basis.

At Dallas, Texas, with three live bouts presented in addition to the telecast, there was a gross of $10,200. Two live bouts were presented at the Memphis, Tenn., Auditorium and the gross came to $5,500. With several live bouts presented at El Paso, Texas, the receipts were $8,900.

At Juarez, Mexico, in the Paco Coliseum, three live bouts were put on but the arena was only one-third filled, with 2,200 in attendance.

Syracuse, Carmen Basilio's home territory, put on quite a show at the State Fair Coliseum, promoter Norman Rothschild presenting six preliminary bouts preceding the closed circuit telecast in an effort to stimulate interest in boxing in the Central New York area. A near-capacity crowd

of 6,937 jammed the Coliseum two hours before the starting time of the fight.

In Canada, the telecast was seen in Hamilton, Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver and Winnipeg.

Promoters Tommy Moyer and Sid Flaherty in six spots in Washington and Oregon did quite well, the receipts coming to $53,799.59 after taxes. In Spokane, the attendance was 5,105 and receipts came to $16,961.03. An estimated 4,000 were in attendance at Seattle, with receipts totalling $16,214.45. At Portland, the only sell-out of the Moyer-Flaherty circuit was reported, 2,968 fans paying $10,798.65. Yakima drew 1,127 fans paying 4,349.89. Tacoma had an attendance of 1,023 paying $3,809.45. Eugene had 488 paying customers and receipts of $1,675.12.

At Spokane, the ring was placed in mid-floor and screens projected from each side. The pictures thus were shown on four screens with the customers seated around the ring as if at a regular fight card. Flaherty's efforts at the Cow Palace in San Francisco also saw four 20 x 30 foot screens used, with 6,323 fans paying $25,036.

At the Loew's Poli, in New Haven, Conn., an orderly crowd of 2,700 viewed the big screen closed-circuit telecast. There was some trouble on the cable during the preliminaries and the picture, as flashed by the big barrel camera, wasn't as good as you'd see on your set at home, but there were no complaints once the going got hot.

Mindful of the last minute jam-up last September, most of the fans were in their seats at the theater not long after 9:30. By the time the scene from Chicago flashed on the big screen, the only vacant seats to be seen were those directly behind the big cameras, which would have totally blocked off the view of anyone trying to sit there.

About 1,800 fight fans crowded into the Grand Rapids Armory to watch the fight. They sat in their $3.30 seats as the national anthem was played in Chicago Staduim. Then the picture flickered and died. Technicians, watched by 50 die-hard fans, were still trying to fix it when the announcer reported Robinson had won. The promoter said he refunded nearly $6,000 he had collected.

At the Allyn Theater in Hartford, Conn., a thrilled crowd of 2,000 fans watched the fight. Police and firemen kept busy ordering cigarettes and cigars doused. Blame it all on the picture which was excellent and large. The fight crowd was carried away and thought they were at ringside. There was absolutely nothing to find fault with at the Allyn.

Crowds at both the Loew's State and Saenger theaters in New Orleans, though pulling for Basilio, generally agreed that he had lost according to what they viewed on the closed-circuit. The announcing was up to par, which unfortunately, meant that it again was of poor quality. As one fan put it, "I thought Robinson was fighting Tony Zale for the first few rounds." The announcer somehow managed to get Tony Zale mixed up in the brawl and was reluctant to let him retire.

A new record was established for Boston when all four theaters were sold out for the telecast, the paid attendance being 10,600. The reception was of top quality, the best one of these telecasts ever received in Boston.

"It topped their last fight, which up to then was our record," said Carl Fasick, spokesman for Loew's State and Orpheum in Boston. "It was our best," echoed Paul Levi, who represents the Pilgrim and Seville in East Boston.

It was a good fight from a theater seat, although there were three minor power failures, two of which came before they started swinging punches. The other time the picture completely faded was for several seconds in the opening minute of the last round.

"A power failure between here (Boston) and New York was responsible, but an auxiliary line brought back the picture," said Levi. The fadeouts were the same in all four theaters.

The State was crammed with a capacity of 3,590 (at $3.50

per head), the Orpheum jammed with 2,930 and the Pilgrim, which seats 1,850, was sold out as early as 7:45. The Seville accommodated 1,700 more.

Theater television produced $21,766 gross revenue in the Twin Cities from a total attendance of 6,170 persons at two theaters, the Minnesota Amusement Co. announced. Radio City Theater in Minneapolis, with 4,000 seats, had only 30 empty seats and the receipts came to $13,982. Paramount Theater in St. Paul had its 2,200 seats full and produced a gross of $7,784.

There was nothing wrong with the closed-circuit television reception of the fight in the Branford Theater in Newark, N. J. The fight was good, the picture was good and the house was full. An announcement was made a few minutes before 11 o'clock that every seat had been sold.

The close-range lens brought a remarkably clear picture of the action despite the size of the theater screen. The long-range picture, used only at the beginning of each round as the fighters came from their corners, was fuzzy, but lasted only a few seconds.

In Philadelphia, a four-minute "blackout" threatened to leave the capacity crowd in the dark moments before the first round even started. Happily, only the assorted pre-fight ceremonies were lost in the shuffle.

At $5 a head, both the Mastbaum and Stanley theaters were jam-packed with fight fans. During the first five rounds the picture varied in brilliance and body. At times it was light. Then it would turn dark and murky.

The gross gate for the near-sellout at the Loew's in St. Louis surpassed $10,000. Long lines formed at the ticket window about an hour and a half before the fight. Only seats unsold were those in poor locations in the theater, Manager Frank Henson said. The 100 loges at $5 apiece had been bought up early, and there were some standees.

The Majestic Theater in East St. Louis drew about 1,200 fans, two-thirds of capacity. The TV picture flickered frequently during the pre-fight ceremonies at Loew's, but there was no difficulty once the bout got under way. Reception, though a bit blurry at times, was good on the giant screen. Biggest disappointment: absence of closeup shots like those on home TV.

At Fort Worth, Texas, the fight did a pretty good gross at the Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium, the figures coming to $4,500.

At Buffalo's Century and Buffalo theaters the picture was pretty fuzzy at times and, during the early rounds, brought

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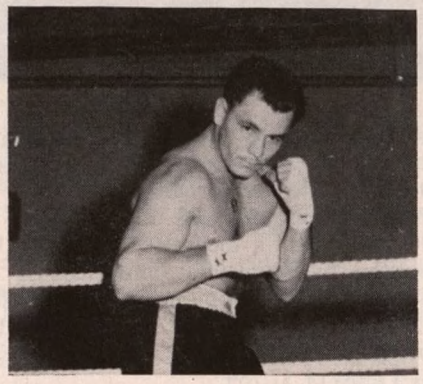
WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

by JOE SMITH



Bernie Soto, top 36th Air Base Group middleweight who grabbed the USAFE open middleweight title.

MIDDLEWEIGHT clouter Bernie Soto, of the 36th Air Base Group, scored a close decision over 23rd Fighter-Day Sq teammate Roy Ovalle on a furious 3rd round attack to grab the USAFE Open middleweight boxing crown at Chateauroux, France.

The experienced airman, who has entered the ring more than 60 times and sent 27 foes to the canvas, advanced to the finals by defeating two previous combatants in preliminary matches.

In the lid raiser, Soto caught France's Norm Adams early with a series of hefty body and head blows to floor Adams in 1:35 of the first session.

Soto, in the semi-final go, had to be satisfied with a unanimous decision over UK's Charlie Bush when he failed to dispose of the game scrapper.

During the first night Ovalle drew a bye and the following day entered in the semi-final clash where he easily decisioned UK's Ray Hernandez. Up to the 3rd round with Soto, the judges said that the fight could have gone either way as both Baron sluggers traded punches evenly. But the final two minutes swung heavily in Soto's favor.

The pride of the "Fightin' 23rd," Roy Ovalle, surprised USAFE fight promoters and fans when he qualified for the finals against Soto. Joining the fighting ranks late last year for the first time, Ovalle swept the 1958 USAFE novice middleweight division, and took the runners-up slot behind Soto in the GSD and USAFE open fight cards.

Soto, was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico in 1935, completed high school and is now studying business administration in the Air Force. Soto's father was a major in the army and he also has a younger brother who is his ardent fan but not a boxing aspirant himself. Soto expects to turn pro when he is discharged from the service, under the guidance of John Lyons, his good friend.

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Featherweights . . . Bob Hayashida, Honolulu, Hawaii, kayoed Norris Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 2:58 of the first round.

Lightweights . . . William Cherry, Cleveland, Ohio, decisioned Robert Beeler, Oak Ridge, Tenn. William Casey, Toledo, Ohio, kayoed William Rogers, Casheston, Ohio, in 31 seconds of the first round.

Light-welterweights . . . Weldon Flood, Hagerstown, Md., decisioned Lawrence Landron, Pittsburgh, Calif. Richard Mayfield, Grand Rapids, Mich., decisioned Larry Medeiros, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Welterweights . . . Carl Hamilton, New York City, kayoed Leroy Whiteman, Pallan, Montana, in 1:50 of the second round.

Light-middleweight . . . Frankie Davis, Ft. Wayne, Ind., kayoed Herman Wenzee, Chicago, Ill., in 50 seconds of the 2nd.

Middleweights . . . Bernardo Soto, Ponce, Puerto Rico, kayoed Norm Adams, Linden, N. J., in 1:35 of the first round. Ray Hernandez, Corpus Christi, Texas, decisioned James Simpson, Philadelphia, Pa.

Light-heavyweights . . . Dexter Johnson, Charleston, W. Va., decisioned Richard Van Allen, Hartford, Conn.

Heavyweights . . . William Daniels, Wilmington, N. C., kayoed Martin Condon, North Merrick, N. Y., in 1:50 of the first round. Joseph Parks, Olean, N. Y., kayoed Chaffie Hurt, Memphis, Tenn.

ALL-NAVY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Interservice boxing champion Francis (Tabby) Lee, a sailor aboard the USS Cascade, has successfully defended his All-Navy 125-pound boxing title for the third straight year.

Lee, a Pittsburgh, Pa., native, who was last year's king among the service's 125-pounders, was one of the ten boxers to be crowned recently in the 1958 All-Navy Boxing Tournament, staged at the Naval Station gymnasium, Norfolk, Va.

A teammate of Lee, Willie Branch, last year's 147-pound titleholder, fought off a toughie in Deloash Grant of Charlotte, N. C., and a dislocated shoulder, to claim the 156-pound title.

Both fighters, showing signs of sluggishness, also won boos from the crowd. Lee, drew a first-round bye and his only fight was in the finals. He was awarded a unanimous decision over Eddie Garcia of Denver, Colo. Lee was the master all the way.

Lee, who is usually straight-forward when he exercises his vocal cords, was disappointed with his showing. "I was off," said Lee. "I hadn't worked out for four days and I just couldn't get a combination together."

Branch won his title on a split decision. He complained of shoulder pains in the second round and later remarked he had thrown his shoulder out of place but had worked it back in. Grant, who put on a remarkable showing, nursed a badly bruised eye with an icepack after the rugged three rounds. Said Grant, "I couldn't tell he hurt his shoulder. Heck, he was hitting as hard in the last round as the first." Pointing to his bruised eye; "This should prove it."

Defeated in his bid to repeat for another All-Navy title was Charles Theobald of Lac Der Flambeau, Wis. Theobald, last year's 156-pound champ, suffered severe pains in his right side when tagged by a stinging right thrown by Lawrence Howard of Sturgis, Ky. Theobald quit at the end of the second round. He said he had been suffering from chronic appendicities.

Fighters from the Atlantic Fleet, coached by Murph

Grffith of the Virgin Islands, captured five of the titles. Last year the tincan sailors won four.

Destroyer Force's budding 240-pounder, Roy Louson of Alexander, La., banged his way to the heavyweight title by hitting Richard Hansen of Muskegon, Mich., with everything but the ring post. Hansen took the best big Roy could dish out and won the applause of the 1,000 fans who jammed the small gymnasium. "He packs a wallop." said Hansen. Louson was the All-Navy heavyweight champ in 1956. He did not compete last year.

The three-day tourney had five knockouts, with four coming in the first night. They were six technical knockouts, three split decisions and sixteen bouts won by unanimous decisions.

Two of the titles were decided on split decisions. Besides the Branch-Grant knockout, John Dixon of Ft. Mill, S. C., representing Green Cove Springs, Fla., floored Dale Mallet of Leesville, La., in the first round, but had to survive a terrific comeback of Mallet's to win the title.

The only knockout in the finals was by Chick Brady (112) of USS Damato. He blasted Thurmond Fritz to submission in 2:47 of the second round. Fritz, a solidly-constructed native of Philadelphia, drew the fancy of the crowd with his terrific showing. A right smash to the jaw floored Fritz when he stepped back from an inside flurry.

The other All-Navy champions for 1958 are James Driver (119) of South Haven, Mich., unanimous decision over Ralph Wright of New Medford, Mass.; Billy Martin (139) of Gadsden, Ala., unanimous decision over Robert Barnes of Anderson, Inc.; Ernest Curtis (147) of USS Damato, unanimous decision over Garfield Gray, Memphis, Tenn., and Salomon Johnson of Richmond, Va., unanimous decision over Henry Pearson of Superior, Wis.

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TOURNEY

As service boxers prepared for the all-service matches, four military scrappers pounded their way to titles in the 1958 CISM international military boxing tournament at Cairo, Egypt.

American military boxers entered in the annual tourney were selected from winners of the European Army and Air Force matches. After winning their respective service crowns, the fighters from both services met to decide the US Armed Forces entries in the CISM meet.

Americans winning titles in the Cairo matches were: Billy Daniels, light-heavyweight from Hahn AB, Germany; Frankie Davis, light-middlweight from Greenham Commons AB, England; Jose Vargas, bantamweight from the 11th Abn. Div., Germany; and Bill Cherry, lightweight from Tempelhof AB, Germany.

Light-welterweight Bob Henderson, 11th Abn. Div., was decisioned in the finals.

While these boxers were winning crowns, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps fighters were preparing for their championships.

The world-wide Air Force championship matches are scheduled to be held at Bolling AFB, Washington, D. C. The Navy and Marine Corps bouts start at Norfolk, Va., and Quantico, Va., respectively.

Eight former Air Force titlists will be seeking to retain their crowns. Several have already won their respective area championships and are now training for the bouts at Bolling AFB.

The 1957 title holders expected back for another year are: heavyweight John Stewart, Johnson AB, Japan; light-heavyweight Bill Johnson, Yokota AB, Japan; middleweight George McCorkle, Bolling AFB; light-middleweight Dean

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All-Navy Boxing Champions for 1958 . . . Front row, left to right: Chick Brady, 112-pounder from New York City; James Driver, 119-pounder from South Haven, Mich.; Francis (Tabby) Lee, 125-pounder, from Pittsburgh; and Billy Martin, 139-pounder from Gadsden, Ala. Second row, left to right: Ernest Curtis, 147-pounder of Baltimore, Md.; Willie Branch, 156-pounder from Carleton, Mich.; Lawrence Howard, 165-pounder from Sturgis, Ky.; Salomon Johnson, 178-pounder from Richmond, Va., and Roy Louson, heavyweight from Alexandria, La.

Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

WITH the exception of Ancient Archie Moore, who finds himself in the unenviable position of having no worth-while challengers in the anemic light-heavyweight division, there is no lack of championship activity among the various other world title-holders.

As this is being written, three ruling monarchs have already risked their precious laurels this year, Carmen Basilio losing to Ray Robinson in a middleweight fracas in Chicago, Hogan (Kid) Bassey polishing off Ricardo Moreno in a featherweight get-together in Los Angeles, and Pascual Perez turning back Ramon Arias in a flyweight argument in Caracas.

Next on the agenda is the meeting of those rival New Orleans lightweights, Champion Joe Brown and Challenger Ralph Dupas, in "neutral" Houston.

Then comes the finale of the elimination series for the vacant welterweight title between Virgil Akins and Vince Martinez. No definite site or date has been selected as yet but indications are that the bout will be held sometime in June with the choice of battleground either New York or St. Louis.

With that match out of the way, the only other titles to be competed for in 1958 will be in the bantamweight, light-heavyweight and heavyweight.

Alphonse Halimi, ruler of the 118-pound roost, has two possibilities shaping up—in either Milan or Glasgow with the winner of the impending Mario D'Agata-Peter Keenan bout for the European title, and with Jose (Toluco) Lopez, the latest Mexican sensation, in Los Angeles.

Unless Chuck Spieser finally scrapes together the $100,000 he recklessly guaranteed to Moore, and decides to go ahead with his challenge, there doesn't appear to be much likelihood of Archie's appearing in a defense of his 175-pound laurels this year.

PATTERSON'S POSSIBILITIES.

That brings us around to Floyd Patterson and the heavyweight situation.

Cus D'Amato, Patterson's manager, says he has "several" possible bouts pending, but so far nothing definite has been announced.

Early in the year D'Amato chattered of having Floyd defend his title in England against the British champion, Joe Erskine, but Erskine promptly messed up that deal by going to Sweden and getting himself demolished by Ingemar Johansson.

Although he holds the European title, Johansson doesn't seem interested in a Patterson match. Incidentally, the Swede's record offers ample evidence of the poor quality of the current European heavyweights. Fighting professionally since December, 1952, his entire record in money competition embraces only 19 bouts, but he has outclassed all competition over yonder. A sad commentary, indeed, on the calibre of today's European heavies. Come to think of it, the American crop isn't much to become excited about, either. The recent Eddie Machen-Zora Folley affair in San Francisco was supposed to have paired the Nos. 1 and 2 challengers for Patterson's title, but it's been quite a spell since a more dismal presentation has been staged anywhere. As an elimination match, it couldn't have been improved upon. Both rivals were eliminated; at least for the time being.

Getting back to Patterson: Since the exodus of Erskine, D'Amato has been talking of foisting another Patterson-Pete Rademacher thing on England, but it is doubtful if the British Boxing Board of Control would approve any such mismatch between touring Americans.

D'Amato seems determined to find a spot somewhere for an encore with Rademacher, but the problem is to locate another "angel" or two to finance the promotion.

ANOTHER AMBITIOUS AMATEUR.

Meanwhile, Cus, who still is "warring" against the International Boxing Club and insists he will not let Patterson fight any heavyweights "controlled" by the I.B.C., has a chance to pick up another robust paycheck for permitting Floyd to play around with amateur opposition.

Dan Hodge of Oklahoma, Olympic wrestling champion who turned boxer and acquired the recent National Golden Gloves title, has tossed a challenge at Patterson.

Matching the guarantee Rademacher and his pals tendered Patterson for that strange interlude in Seattle last year, Hodge's sponsor, Art Freeman, a wealthy oil man of Wichita, Kansas, is reported to have offered $250,000 to D'Amato for a shot at Patterson. Hodge's amateur record to date shows 14 knockouts in 17 starts.

One other possible payday for Patterson is with a professional, Roy Harris, the kid from Cut-and-Shoot, Texas. Harris is training again after finishing a reserve hitch in the Army. A match between him and Patterson would be a tremendous attraction in Houston. D'Amato says he has considered Roy as an opponent for Floyd, but positively not in Texas.

Regardless of what opponents are picked eventually by him, D'Amato insists that Patterson will fight "at least twice, maybe three times" in defense of the heavyweight title this year.

A REAL WOMAN PROMOTER.

Women intruding into man's world of boxing are by no means unique, but for the most part their roles are mainly publicity-getters. Two of the most ballyhooed gals in recent years were Lena Levinsky, sister of King Levinsky, and Katie Jenkins, wife of Lew Jenkins. Neither "Leaping "Lena" nor "Kute Katie" actually knew much about the trade, but they were colorful "copy" for the sports writers.

There have been occasions, however, when women have proved their qualifications in this rugged industry. One of the smartest was Kate Flynn, who knew fighters and their values almost as well as her noted husband, Leo P. Flynn. Kate often transacted business for Flynn's troupe when Leo was busy elsewhere, and it's not on record that

she ever ended up with the short end of any deal.

It is doubtful if the sock market ever has produced a more thoroughly competent woman than Aileen Eaton, wife of Los Angeles promoter Cal Eaton. We had heard quite a bit about Aileen, but it wasn't until a recent jaunt to California that we had a chance to see her in action. What we saw was a real eye-opener.

Since Cal's health hasn't been of the best in recent years, Aileen has gradually taken over many of his duties and has handled them in remarkably efficient fashion. There is very little she doesn't know about promoting. An indefatigable worker, she keeps in constant touch with all departments and any problems that may arise in publicity, box-office, seating, help and even matchmaking, she has an uncanny gift for settling in a hurry.

Nobody pushes her around. During the hustle and bustle preceding the Bassey-Moreno bout, a sudden labor union wrangle threatened serious complications at Wrigley Field. Shoving aside what she was doing at the time, Aileen left her headquarters in the Olympic Auditorium, drove out to the ball park and settled the controversy quickly—in her favor.

An amazing gal, Mrs. Aileen Eaton. She's got to be seen to be believed.

With one-time rival Rocky Graziano working in other corner, Middleweight Champion Ray Robinson advises sparmate Otis Woodard between rounds of bout with Eddie Andrews at St. Nicholas Arena. Robinson's advice to Woodard must have been better than Graziano's to Andrews. Otis won split decision.

AROUND THE RING.

Last survivor of that great Negro heavyweight Big 4 of yesteryear (Jack Johnson, Sam Langford and Sam McVey were the others), Joe Jeannette, now 78, will be guest of honor at this year's dinner of Hudson County (N. J.) Ring 14 of the Veterans Boxers Association of America. The party is set for May 17 at the historic Union Club in Hoboken.

That's quite a race going on between those European champions, middleweight Charley Humez of France and lightweight Duilio Loi of Italy, to be the first to register pro Victory No. 100. At the moment the odds favor Loi, who is leading with 96 wins in 102 starts to Humez's 93 in 101.

Although he had been in ill health for several years, it was a shock nevertheless to hear of the passing of likable Jimmy (Fats) D'Angelo, veteran Bronx manager. D'Angelo handled quite a few good boys during his 35 years in the trade. Our earliest recollection of him was as pilot of Joe Scalfaro, rugged local featherweight, who held Kid Chocolate to a 10-round draw here in 1928. Later Fats was co-manager of heavyweight Nathan Mann of New Haven, and in more recent years he did business for heavyweight Roland LaStarza and featherweight Miguel Berrios.

Another recent departure from this man's restless world was Max Meyer, of whom we wrote in these columns only a few months ago. Meyer, also in failing health for several years, was 68 when the final count was droned over him. Max handled quite a few ringmen during the '20s and '30s. Probably the best known was Leo Gates, the "Mohawk Indian" heavyweight.

A busy ring career came to an end when 34-year-old Teddy (Red Top) Davis announced his retirement recently. The record book credits Davis with a total of 127 bouts, beginning in 1946, but Teddy himself estimates the actual figure to be nearer 150. He says he didn't bother to keep score on many of his early preliminary efforts, when he was fighting as "Sugar Cain", and they have never appeared in his official record, which shows slightly better than a .500 percentage, with 64 wins, 61 losses and two draws. Davis not only was an active campaigner all over the United States, but his fighting spread to Canada, Panama, Mexico, Cuba and France.

THE month's results:

▶Although he'd been out of the ring for six month's (since Archie Moore polished him off in their light-heavy title affair in Los Angeles), Tony Anthony, 173¾, Harlem, displayed no signs of rustiness in disposing of awkward, durable Yvon Durelle, 176, Baie St. Anne, N. B., at 0:31 of the seventh in Madison Square Garden. Apparently the layoff did him good. Tony never boxed better or punched faster or more accurately. He had an uncertain first round when he was half-pushed, half-punched to the canvas, and had to take the mandatory eight-count, but from then on he completely outclassed his aggressive but slower opponent. Gradually wearing Durelle down with steady sharpshooting, Anthony cut loose in earnest in the sixth. Reeling before Tony's rapid-fire bombardment, Durelle sank to the canvas just before the bell ended the round. The Canadian was still groggy when the seventh started, and was stumbling uncertainly before Anthony's blistering assault when Referee Ruby Goldstein intervened. It was a particularly sweet victory for Anthony, who had been held to a draw by Durelle in Detroit nine months before. It also was Durelle's first defeat after 12 victories and that one draw in 14 months, Eddie Dixon, 163, Newark, N. J., whipped Juan Pomare, 163, Panama, in the semi-final six. Two other sixes were shortened by eye cuts. Rudy Gwin, 146½, Cleveland, winning from Ernie Roberts, 146, Harlem, at 2:14 of the third, and Chico Velez, 135, Brooklyn, getting credit for stopping Mike Spataro, 138, also of Brooklyn, at 1:07 of the sixth. In fours, Leroy Tucker, 145½, Bronx, outpointed Jimmy Kelly, 144, Harlem, and John Henry, 188½, Harlem, decisioned Johnny Yorck, 208, Norristown, Pa.

▶Too industrious and experienced for his heavier but unseasoned opponent, Freddie Mack, 172, Brooklyn, bustled his way to a unanimous decision over Lou Jones, 186, Rockford, Ill., in the top six of the Eastern Parkway Arena's second "new talent" card. Jones credited with a kayo of Pete Rademacher in the amateurs, was willing enough but too slow and crude for the busy Brooklynite. In the co-featured six, Eddie Jordan, 146, Brooklyn, shaped up as a likely-looking prospect in stopping Nick Grimaldi, 141, Stamford, Conn., at 1:01 of the second. Two of the scheduled fours produced quick one-round endings. Ex-Olympian Joe Shaw, 147, St. Louis, needed only 2 minutes, 22 seconds to dispose of Willie Moore, 144, Philadelphia, and Johnny Pruitt, 155½, Spartanburg, S. C., was nine seconds longer in polishing off George Gerek, 154, Brooklyn. In the other fours, Nick Procak, 142, Bronx, decisioned Ruben Hawkins, 149, Harlem, and Tommy Hough, 166, Brooklyn, drew with Clay Thompson, 170, Harlem. The management seemed encouraged by the attendance, which was estimated at 550, and represented a slight improvement over the turnout for the first show of the Parkway's non-TV schedule.

▶Down in the first and again in the second, Johnny Gorman, 143½, Brooklyn, staged an exciting uphill fight to edge out a split decision over heavily-favored Jimmy Archer, 147¾, Bronx, in an all-Irish St. Patrick's Night ten at St. Nicholas Arena. After his near-disastrous beginning, the lanky Gorman made good use of his long legs and arms. He scampered around the ring, keeping out of range of the aggressive Archer's rushes, and countering effectively with left jabs and hooks and occasional rights. The over-eager Archer forced the action all the way, but found his back-tracking opponent a difficult target to reach, and after the first two rounds Jimmy did more missing than hitting. Gorman's victory was all the more surprising in that it was the first time the Brooklynite had travelled the 10-round route. Archer's younger brother, Joey, 155, salvaged some glory for the clan by out slugging Joe Lissy, 154½, Yorkville, in the semi-final six. It was unbeaten Joey's 14th win as a pro. Charles Cummings, 147¾, Philadelphia, outpointed Eddie Prince, 150½, Poughkeepsie, in another six. In the opening four, Billy Gibson, 149½, Hackensack, stopped a New Jersey rival, Danny Jordan, 154½, Newark, at 1:43 of the third.

▶In qualifying to meet Vince Martinez in the grand finale of the elimination tournament for the vacant world welterweight title, 30-year-old Virgil Akins, 145¾, St. Louis, unloaded his heavy artillery in one furious broadside to stop Isaac Logart, 145¾, Cuba, at 2:53 of the sixth in Madison Square Garden. Until the sudden, dramatic ending, Logart was well in front. For five and two-thirds rounds the speedy Cuban swarmed all over the dangerous but slow-moving Akins, plastering the St. Louisan with a constant barrage of lefts and rights. Then, in the last minute of the sixth, it happened! During a lively exchange, Atkins finally connected. He doubled Logart over with a left hook to the body and followed with a lusty right uppercut to the chin. The Cuban sank to the canvas. Groggily, Logart stumbled up at the count of four but took the mandatory eight. Akins lost no time pressing his advantage. Slamming away with both hands, he drove the reeling Logart into a corner and had him sagging on the lower rope. Referee Harry Kessler called it a knockdown and gave the Cuban the benefit of another eight-count. As Akins resumed the savage battering of his wobbling, defenseless opponent, Kessler stepped in and halted the carnage. Bob Gordon, 161, Charleroi, Pa., whipped Eddie Wright, 159½, Philadelphia, in the semi-final six. Burke Emery, 167¾, Sherbrooke, Que., won from Don McAteer, 174, Paterson, in another six. In fours, Roland Blackman, 134, Brooklyn, decisioned a borough rival, Sid Lugo, 134½, and Wes Lowry, 149, Allentown, Pa., outpointed Bertram Bailey, 147, Harlem.

▶Celebrating his New York debut with a bang——and WHAT a bang!——Eddie Andrews, 158½, Lowell, Mass., flattened Tony (Tex) Gonzalez, 159, East Orange, N. J., at 1:41 of the first round of a scheduled ten at St. Nicholas Arena. One right-handed explosion did it. The quick ending of the affair left the onlookers almost as stunned as Gonzalez. After feeling each other out for a minute, the rivals were beginning to

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

IT was a rainy evening, but it didn't prevent Hollywood Legion Stadium from establishing a new record for gate receipts.

A crowd estimated at 6,000 paid a gross of $40,444 to see Art Aragon, 153, register a unanimous decision over Chico Vejar, 154, and the margin of victory was quite conclusive. Referee Frankie Van tabbed it 99-90; Judge Dynamite Jackson, 98-92, and Judge George Latka, 97-91.

Previous high for Hollywood was $29,800, set in 1955 by Bobo Olson and Willie Vaughn. Given a break in the weather, this time, the Legion might have sold out completely and drawn close to $50,000. The fight was not televised. Prices: $5 to $15.

Aragon's best weapons were his potent left hook and a right hand uppercut. Only in Round 2 did Vejar seem to have the upper hand. Only knockdown of the fight was registered by Aragon in the 6th, when Chico went down for no-count following a left hook to the chin.

In the televised ten, classy Boots Monroe, 123, sent Willie Lucero, 126, to the showers in the 7th round. Boots won every round except the 3rd. He dropped Lucero in the 6th for five.

Legion capacity is 6,500, and when a crowd of 6,000 braved dreary, rainy weather at $15 top to see this scrap, it was probably the best compliment Aragon has received in many years.

Boots Monroe, by scoring this decisive win over Lucero, racked up his 15th win in 16 pro starts, and his 12th kayo. Keep your eye on Monroe; this boy seems to be going places.

In the semi-final, slated for six, Jesse Jones, 143, who was Vejar's chief sparmate, made it short and snappy; he scored a clean kayo over Joey Abasta, 148, after two minutes of Round 1. Abasta was Aragon's top sparring pardner.

The four-rounders: Kenny Morris, 127, technical draw (2) with Dave Martinez, 127; and Eddie Jones, 148, dec. Dwight Lewis, 148½.

It is possible that Aragon's next opponent hereabouts may be fellow-townsman Tombstone Smith or possibly Kid Gavilan. Both fights would be sellouts.

▶ Some 1,500 fans who accounted for a gross gate of $3,469 were almost unanimous in calling for a rematch between Natcho Escalante and Ross Padilla. Escalante, power punching Mexican, outpointed Padilla, agile Filipino, in a ten rounder at the Civic Auditorium in Stockton. Weights, Escalante, 119; Padilla, 118.

In several stormy sessions Padilla took such a pounding that a knockout seemed inevitable. But courageous Ross kept surprising the onlookers by coming back and putting Escalante in jeopardy with his own strong artillery.

Lone official was Referee Pete Morelli, who scored it 97-95 for Escalante.

Stockton's Cleo Frazier, 163, fought to a draw with Candy McGilmore, 164, Oakland, in eight rounds.

Joe Neal, 166, dec. Joe Brewer, 163, in 4; Larry Lopez, 138, outpointed Freddy Sanchez, 137, in 4.

▶ More than the usual amount of attention was given a six round bout at San Jose, for the name of Chavez returned to regional boxing prominence. Ronnie (Chencho) Chavez, 146, of San Jose, outpointed Mel (Kid) Francis, 150, of San Francisco.

Chencho is a younger brother of Eddie Chavez, greatest drawing card in San Jose history, and for many years a top contender for the lightweight title. Full judgment has not yet been passed by the experts on brother Chencho, but all Northern California promoters hope he follows in Eddie's footsteps.

Both of the finale bouts at the San Jose Auditorium were scheduled six rounders. Cal Cooper, 176, Stockton, stopped Leon Hatcher, 193, in the fourth.

Prelims: Ritchie Matsumura, 131, dec. Al Carroll, 132 in 4; Larry Lopez, 133 stopped Sam Rustin, in 2.

▶ Jimmy Carter, former champion, served emphatic notice that he must be reckoned with by all young lightweights aspiring to title contention. Twice he invaded the Sacramento lair of Joey Lopes, and lost two close decisions to the fast-punching home-towner. In the return match Carter got the verdict of the referee, who was outvoted by the two judges. Weights: Lopes, 137½; Carter, 139.

Gross gate was $9684, about $200 less than the first match. They fought at Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium. Scoring: Referee Frankie Carter gave it to the ex-champ, 94-93; Judge John Reno, 95-93 and Judge Fred Bottaro, 97-95, both for Lopes.

Joey boxed well, and in the third hit Jimmy eight consecutive hard rights to the face, one of them knocking out Carter's mouthpiece. Lopes had big scoring advantages in most of the other sessions, but Carter's solid shots won him the second and sixth.

The tenth was Jimmy's big one, when he put Lopes down for seven with a right to the jaw.

John Milton, 151, Oakland, outpointed Deacon Bryant, 152, San Francisco in six.

Four rounders: George Page, 132, TKO'd Kid Aguilla, 133, in 3; Mike Martinez, 132, dec. Al Carroll, 132; Thurman Lewis, 158, stopped Tony Gineno, 154, in 2.

In some cities it might be good policy for an official to favor a local boy in the point total of a close battle. But not in Richmond, Calif. The fans there insist that the "native son" must win by a wide margin if he is to earn the decision. So there was quite an uproar by the spectactors when Referee Johny Lotsey gave the decision to Vic Cardot in an eight-rounder against Buddy McDonald. Lotsey scored it 76-75.

McDonald, clever Canadian, weighed 142. Cardot, from nearby Oakland, scaled 140. Gross receipts were $1510. Jimmy Cosenza promoted.

Cardot's point total was achieved by aggressiveness. It seemed to most press observers that he missed too many punches, while sharpshooter McDonald seldom let a blow go that did not land solidly.

In another eight, Billy Walker, Oakland, 129, outpointed Bobby Gray, Stockton, 131.

Results of fours: Louie Andrade, 162, KO'd Tony Moss, 160, in 1; James Head, 190, stopped Billy Fields, 201, in 1; Harry Sandler, 151, dec. Ardis Cooper, 153.

▶ Herman Duncan, 128½, evened the score between himself and Enrique Aceves at the Olympic Auditorium, credited with a 6-round TKO, but the manner of victory was unsatisfactory. Undoubtedly there will be a third meeting between these two evenly-matched youngsters.

Aceves, leading on points, was accidentally butted in Round 5, opening a bad gash over the right eye. Referee Dick Young halted hostilities and paged Dr. Robert Rocke, club medic. The doctor thought the fight could continue. It did.

During the intermission, Dr. Rocke again entered the ring and examined Aceves' injuries; then he went into a huddle with Referee Young and Enrique's pilot, Bob Fuentes.

Manager Fuentes argued that since his fighter was ahead on points at the time of the butt, and since the wound was bleeding badly, the referee should give his fighter the decision—what is known in California as a "technical" decision.

When the gong sounded for the 6th, Fuentes refused to let his fighter continue. Under those circumstances, the referee seemed to have no alternative but to award the verdict to Duncan via TKO.

It was wholly unsatisfactory to most of the fans.

At the very worst, argued some of the scribes, it should have been called a "technical draw".

Anyway, it goes in the record as a TKO win, 6th round, for Duncan, who was defeated by Aceves in their first meeting after a hectic brawl. A tough break for Aceves, but he'll get a chance to rectify matters in that third meeting, coming up when Enrique is ready.

In the semi-final, slated for six, Little Firpo, 141, racked up a 3rd round kayo over Bobby Ortiz, 144, flooring his foe twice.

Outstanding prelim of the night saw Elmer Willhoite, former USC All-American gridder, 211, score his third straight win over Al Burton, 200. It was Elmer's best fight to date, and he had Burton in trouble several times.

Other four-rounders: Terry Young, 127½, dec. Paul Harris, 128; Connie Citizen, 149½, dec. Carl Kimball, 150.

Estimated crowd was about 1950.

Los Angeles boxers invading Richmond have had a high score of successes. But they do not always win—a few wished they had stayed home. This was the case with heavyweight Johnny Mays, who fell before the flailing fists of Ruben Vargas in the second round. This was a scheduled ten at the Auditorium in Richmond. Weights: Vargas, 207; Mays, 208.

Promoter Jimmy Cosenza wavered at the profit and loss border with a gross gate of $1617.

Vargas, from S. F., had a slight edge in the first, when both threw plenty of punches. In the second, Vargas put Mays down with a right uppercut to the jaw. Though Mays staggered to his feet at 10, Referee Jack Silver halted proceedings.

John Carroll, 191, Oakland, and Teddy Martin, 176, San Jose, went six rounds to a draw.

In the fours, Alfredo Zuany, 197, TKO'd Walter Robinson, 191, in 2; Larry Lopez, 132, stopped Jackie Pierson, 133, in 4.

▶ There was no question whatever about the superiority of Paul Jorgensen, 130, Houston, over Ernesto Parra, 130, Mexico City, at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A. The Texas collegian won by a solid margin on all scorecards.

Only official who thought it was close was Referee Mushy Callahan, who voted 95-94; Judge Frank Holborrow scored it 99-90, and Judge Tommy Hart saw it 97-93. Parra made the predominantly Latin crowd happy by coming strong in the sixth, held his foe even in the ninth.

The crowd was estimated at about 3,000; gross gate receipts, $4,872.

Some six months ago, Jorgensen invaded Southern California to score a 10th round kayo over Ernesto Figueroa. The Texas collegian seems solidly established in these parts, and may be in line for a top-line opponent.

In the six-round semi, Willie Patterson, 166, scored the unanimous decision over Willie Barnes, 162, by throwing the mostest punches and suffering the leastest damage.

The fours: Richard Wilburn, 183½, dec. Tiger McHenry, 174; Vince Davi, 153, dec. Don Howard, 149, and Questa Walker, 140, dec. Ray Walk, 140.

▶ College boys seems to be doing all right in Southern California rings. Last week it was Paul Jorgensen over Ernesto Parra at the Olympic.

At Hollywood Legion Stadium, before a disappointing crowd of 1500, Wee Willie Morton, of San Jose State College, 143½, scored the unanimous verdict over Earl (The Menace) Dennis, 139½, New York. Bad weather kept the crowd down.

Morton, winner of 15 of his 17 pro fights, took charge of things from the sixth round on, had his opponent in trouble several times but was unable to stop him. In two previous scraps at the Fimville arena, Morton had lost to Don Jordan and Ramon Tiscareno—the only two setbacks on his record.

A 10-7 underdog, Morton was solidly ahead on all cards. Referee Charley Randolph, the old Indian chief, scored it 99-88; Judge Lee Grossman and Judge Reg Gillmore turned in identical cards, 99-89. Seldom was official voting been so much in accord in recent months.

Despite Morton's decisive advantage, it was a most interesting scrap.

In the six-round semi, Curley Lee, 180½, remained undefeated in his five pro starts by topping Art Mayorga, 207, Youngstown, a unanimous verdict. Lee, who hails from Phoenix, was equipped with the heavier artillery.

Elmer Willhoite, 211, also remained undefeated in his five pro fights by trouncing Tony Emanuel, 214, in the special four-rounder. Willhoite is the former USC All-American footballer. He is managed by Suey Welch.

Other four-rounders: Ward Yee, 123, dec. Manuel Elias, 122½; and Pete Alexander, 179½, dec. Leroy Smith, 180, in the opener.

▶ Customers at Hollywood Legion Stadium expected a red-hot shindig between Frankie Belma, Wilmington welter, and Armando Muniz of Juarez, Mexico, but they were rather disappointed, to put it conservatively. It wasn't red-hot; not even lukewarm.

Muniz, 151, racked up the unanimous verdict over Belma, 151—something of an upset. On behalf of Belma, it may be mentioned that he stepped in as substitute for Gaspar Ortega, took the match on short notice.

Frankie's switch-hitting style was not effective. This was his second straight defeat.

Referee John Thomas did his best to spur the battlers into action, but couldn't get much life in the lethargic contest. He scored it 90-91; Judge Tommy Hart voted 100-92, and Judge Joey Olmos, 99-91.

Ortego was withdrawn when he became involved in an auto accident.

In the six-round semi, Larry Wright, 135½, scored enough points in the early part of the fracas to offset a belated rally by Benny Medina, 140, and won the unanimous decision.

The four: Avril Burris, 124½, dec. Terry Young, 127; Herman Fandel, 144½, KO (3) over Lee Perkins, 146; and Pico Campo, 121, dec. Val Gloria, 119.

▶A rather meager "crowd" of 1500 was on hand at the Olympic Auditorium to witness the local debut of Venezuela flyweight Roy Calatayud.

Calatayud, 112, won the unanimous decision over Jimmy Abeyta, 111½, California state flyweight champ, who was willing but outclassed.

The Venezuelan was well ahead on all cards. Referee Tommy Hart voted 100-87; Judge Jimmy Wilson, 100-84, and Judge Dynamite Jackson, 99-90. Thus, he racked up 299 out of a possible 300, which seems conclusive proof of his quality and caliber.

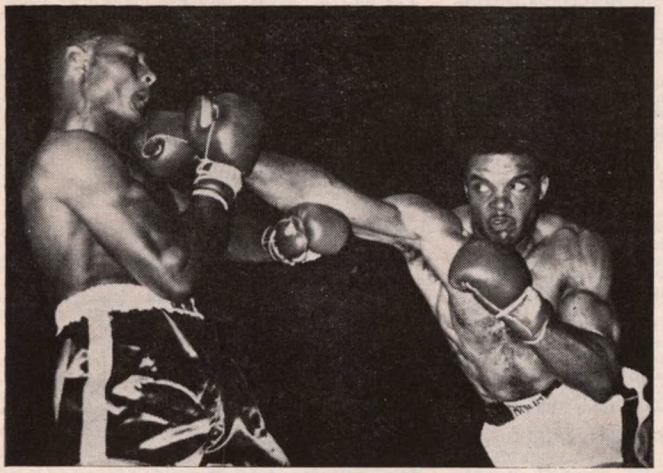
Rainy weather affected the attendance somewhat; maybe more than somewhat.

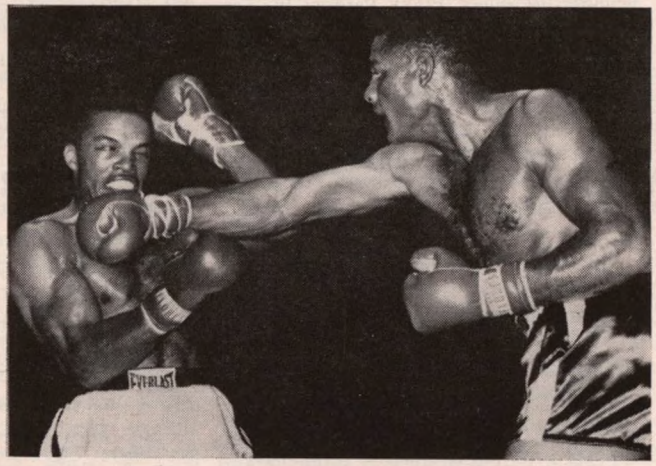
In the six-round semi, John Carroll, 190½, despite a gash over his left eye, scored the unanimous decision over Sunny Moore, 185½.

The fours: Dorgin McWhorter, 149, dec. Charley Clark, 145; Ray Lopez, 159, dec. Rudy Smith, 158; and Howard Carney, 131, dec. Basilio Yniquez, 130.

▶A well-to-do Stockton, Calif. resident, with considerable real estate holdings, is Jackie Stewart. Stewart is known to boxing fans as Billy Soose, who ran up the remarkable total of 504 bouts in a 13-year amateur and pro career. Starting in 1928 as a pro, he was among the top ten of the middleweight division during most of the years he was boxing.

The former contender is an expert horticulturist, and usually keeps busy along this line with municipal parks departments. But he is also a journeyman molder, making him a valuable addition to any metal mill or factory crew.





Nothing like an even exchange, say Eddie Machen and Zora Folley in their heavyweight match. There wasn't much action in the generally dull bout, but among the few solid punches thrown were (left) Machen scoring with long right, and (right) Folley returning the favor.

TOP HEAVIES IN DRAW

Eddie Machen and Zora Folley Unable to Settle Issue of Which is Champion Floyd Patterson's Leading Challenger

SAN FRANCISCO—It was supposed to be an elimination match, to determine which of the two ranking title contenders would qualify as World Heavyweight Champion Floyd Patterson's logical challenger. At the end of twelve comparatively dull, uneventful rounds, however, there was so little to choose between Eddie Machen, 191½, Redding, Cal., and Zora Folley, 194, Chandler, Ariz., that a draw decision seemed eminently fair to both parties. Scored on a point basis, Referee Frankie Carter tabbed it 117-116 for Machen, Judge Fred Apostoli voted 117-115 for Folley, and Judge Jack Downey called it even at 115 apiece.

The expected fireworks between two hard hitters failed to materialize. The rivals seemed to have too much respect for each other's power and they fought cautiously most of the way, refusing to take any more chances than were necessary. The bout was marred by constant clinching. In general all-around boxing ability, Folley appeared to be the better, with a particularly good left jab which poked repeatedly into Machen's features and had Eddie's nose bleeding at the finish. Occasionally the Arizonian would rock Machen with a fast right, but seldom did he put more than two or three punches together. After each flurry he seemed content to fall into a clinch.

Machen, hunched behind a tight defense of arms raised high, made few offensive gestures during the first two-thirds of the bout, and Folley was well in front at the end of the ninth. Realizing he was losing, and stung into action by the booing of the crowd, Machen became more aggressive in the tenth and began throwing a few punches. He jolted Folley with a couple of left hooks, and after being staggered himself early in the eleventh he came back to smother Folley with a two-handed outburst. Continuing his rally in the twelfth the Californian managed to pull up on even terms at the final bell. At least, that was the official decision, although a majority of the witnesses seemed to feel that Folley still held a slight advantage at the finish. The bout was such a keen disappointment, however, that there was little protest against the verdict. As the late Damon Runyon once reported his result of an important but disappointing match, a bum draw, giving them the best of it.

The verdict saved Machen's undefeated record. He had previously run off 24 straight victories.

Both boys were well paid for their night's cautious efforts. Besides a "special" television purse, the bout attracted 11,759 customers to the spacious Cow Palace, and the gross gate was $95,755. Each rival received about $32,000 for the healthiest payday of his career.

RATINGS

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outpointed by lightweight Ralph Dupas, 10. Joe Devlin bested Armand Savoie, 10.

Jorge Fernandez kayoed Federico Guerra, 4. Arnoldo Gil kayoed Tony Romulo, 3. Chilango Rosales beat Marcelo Vargas, 10.

Billy Lynch decisioned Ike Jenkins, 10. David Cervantes whipped Gilberto Holguin, 10. L. C. Morgan won from Julian Valdez, 10. Rudy Sawyer decisioned Jimmy Peters, 10.

Tony Diase won from Peter Schmidt, 10. Bruno Visintin defeated Maurice Auzel, 10. Jesse Bogart beat Manuel Rocha, 10, but lost to Middleweight Alfonso Flores, 10. Armando Muniz defeated Frankie Belma, 10.

Ted Wright halted Stefano Bellotti, 3. Willie Morton outscored Earl Dennis, 10. Al Mendoza decisioned Pinky Peralta, 10. Jose Edwin defeated Alfredo Beezar, 10.

Luis Rodriguez stopped Rolando Rodriguez, 4. Rolando beat Sal Hernandez, 8. Robert Cofer halted Julie Jamison, 5. Ramon Paz kayoed Miguel Salteno, 3, and Luis Salinas, 2. Gomeo Brennan stopped Wallace (Bud) Smith, 5.

Jimmy Watkins outscored Haywood Johnson, 8. Glen Burgess whipped Willie Simmons, 6. Ronnie Chavez outpointed Mel Francis, 6. Guy Sumlin halted Sammy Williams, 3. Kid Zorzal beat El Negrito del Batey, 6. Bernardo Parets whipped Tony Arementeros, 10. Jerry Black stopped Bobby Douglas, 5.

Sandy Manuel flattened Jimmy O'Connell, 1, but lost to Ted Wright, 10. Sauveur Chiocca decisioned Carmelo Beraza, 10. Johnny Melfah edged out Leo Molloy, 8. British and European Champion Peter Waterman stopped by British lightweight champion Dave Charnley, 5, (non-title). Albert Carroll whipped Terry Gill, 8. Stan Harrington kayoed Rocky Kalingo, 8.

Cecil Shorts defeated Arthur Turner, 8. Joe DiPierro stopped Bobbie Barrett, 7. Gerry Drouin defeated Norman Gautreau, 10. Theo Baars became Belgian champion by stopping Frits van Kempen, 8. Eddie Perkins beat Joe Reynolds, 6.

Henry Ferguson kayoed James Watson, 2. Jackie Blair outpointed Cecil Courtney, 10. Eddie Lynch decisioned Julius Rhodes, 6.

Don Vincent defeated Freddy LaNifa, 6. Frankie Trusso beat Clint Martin, 10. Joe Davis beat Jesse Watkins, 6.

Buddy Jackson defeated Jimmy Kelly, 8. Charley Scott won from Rudy Gwin, 6. Kid Rayo decisioned Francisco Echevarria, 10. Wes Lowry defeated Bertram Bailey, 6.

Joe Fusco won over Jimmy Moulton, 6. Ray Lancaster defeated Larry Jones, 6. Joe Shaw kayoed Mark Murray, 1. Carleton Wilson stopped Bobby Pooler, 1. Carl Hubbard stopped George Jefferson, 5. Dale Davis stopped Babe Vance, 6, and Curt Woolwine, 2. Mike Colucci outpointed Felix Machado, 6.

Arlie Siefer, defeated Dick Bartman, 6. Jerry Mortell defeated Primus Williams, 6, and stopped Don Weller, 7. Memo Naples kayoed Jose Hernandez, 1. Joe Polanco defeated Joe Louis Hargraves, 10. Jose Garcio stopped Fillo Guerrero, 7.

Eddie Lynch whipped Julius Rhodes, 6. Camilo Flores and Tony Salcedo, 6. Camilo then stopped Tony in, 4. Mike Coronado halted Felix Peyrani, 7. Reggie Hughes whipped Benny Montoya, 6.

Joe DiPierro stopped Johnny Long, 2, and Cisco Hally, 8. Roy Sparks halted Jimmy Leach, 4. Larry Wright outscored Benny Medina, 6. Lazaro Hernandez Kessell defeated Felix Samada, 6. Walter Dolan defeated Freddie LaNinfa, 6.

Elmer Shippe defeated Clarence Harbin, 5. Bobbie Barrett won over Johnny Bradley, 6, and kayoed Johnny Taylor, 3. Robert Scott stopped Willie Miller, 4.

Byron Steele stopped Lupe Albarado, 2, and Leonard Bartfield, 2. Sam Allen bested Willie Harris, 5. Joe Cancio kayoed Rene Herrera, 1. Eddie Jordan defeated Federico Escalero, 6. Curtis Coles beat Manuel Gonzales, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Paul Armstead upset Baby Masquez, 10. Guy Gracia outpointed Mario Calcaterra, 10. Annibale Omodei won Italian title by beating Marcello Padovani, 12. Bobby Ros whipped Ramon Garriga, 10.

French champion Lahouari Godih defeated welter Larry Baker, 10. Steve Ward and Ludwig Lightburn drew, 10. British Champion Dave Charnley stopped British and European welterweight champion Peter Waterman, 5. (non-title). Jimmy Grow kayoed Jimmy Lassiter, 7.

Paul Lee and Pat Mallane, 10. Vic Cardot stopped Ray Thomas, 5. Andy Arel kayoed John Tombley, 1. Lester Ennis kayoed George Douglas, 3.

Ralph Dupas outscored welter Ramon Fuentes, 10.

British Empire Champion Willie Toweel outpointed Fernand Nollet, 10.

German champion Manfred Neuke stopped Rudolf Christaens, 5.

Japanese champion Keiichi Ishikawa retained his title by stopping Yasushi Kumagay, 3.

Johnny Busso stopped Larly Boardman, 9. Gabriel Navarro halted Roberto Ortega, 9.

Argentina Lightweight champion Jamie Gine retained his title by outpointing Nestor Savino, 15, Jamie also kayoed Leandre Ahumada, 7. Armando Baragano decisioned Tomas Castillo, 10.

Fred Galiana defeated Miguel Angel Pendola, 10, Pendola drew with Vicente Derado, 10. Julian Velazquez outpointed Leo Agbulos, 10.

Bobby Scanlon stopped Luke Easter, 8. Rudy Jordan and Baby Leroy, 10. Carlos Quintana defeated Victor Cejas, 10.

Ray Riojas outscored Ray Portilla, 10. Winnie Reboledo drew with Javellana Kid, 10. Aladino Gusman stopped Yutaka Saikawa, 6. Luis Ruiz bested Benny Rodriguez, 8.

Germano Cavalieri outpointed Tommy Romulo, 12. Gene Butler stopped Bobby Lincoln, 2. Rudy Contreras kayoed Tony Garcia, 4. Lupe Garcia won from Vicente Ramirez, 10. Sergio Contreras stopped Vaselinas Moreno, 3. Salvador Vera beat Apolinar Huerta, 10.

Gil Tapia defeated Rudy Gonzales, 10, Rudy kayoed Carlos Salcido, 3. Negro Calvera stopped Manuel Castro, 3, but was kayoed by Chivo Diaz, 2. Bobby Rogers outscored Pete Kawala, 6.

Len Matthews halted Charlie Slaughter, 3, and Iggy Maldonado, 2. Diogenes Sagarra whipped Wilfredo Hurst, 10. Efi Cross halted Kid Zorro, 3. Silvestra Villarreal stopped Julio Gallegos, 2.

Joe Reynolds defeated Chuck Taylor, 6. Enrique Castillo defeated Carlos Loyola, 8. Jimmy Hackney won from Roger Harvey, 6. Tony Lopez Smith stopped Jorge Chavez, 4. Chino Gonzalez defeated Javier Valenzuela, 10.

Joey Park decisioned Rueben Santisteven, 6. Harry Floyd Smith defeated Nicki Gadson, 6. Eddie Armstrong stopped Ronnie Blackman, 5. Chico Morales won over Jose Blanco, 8.

Harold Mara kayoed Yoichi Suzuki, 1. Indo Conde stopped Chino Gomez, 6. Johnny Gumbs stopped Kid Alfonso, 1. Dan Santiago whipped Larry Cantiberos, 6. La lo Almazon defeated Ruben Cadena, 8. Art Wilburn defeated Joe Woodward, 5. Ernie Harris outscored Kenny Shields, 6.

Gordon Parker won from Senie David, 6. Libe Zavala defeated Pedro Rodriguez, 8. Luis Vargas won from Benjamin Luna, 6. Johnny Shaw stopped Johnny Dell, 5.

Vic Diamond won from Jackie Lennon, 6. Henry Watson stopped Sonny Schon, 2. Spider Walker beat Willie Remson, 5. Al Duarte stopped Paul Colbert, 3. Frankie Speed defeated Henry Luera, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champion Hogan (Kid) Bassey retained his title by kayoing Ricardo Moreno, 3.

Mauro Vazquez decisioned Herman Duncan, 10.

Jimmy Moser halted Jose Cotero, 12.

Ernesto Figueroa beat Orlando Castillo, 10, and kayoed Gilberto Mullens, 6. Castillo beat Jorge Manjarrez, 10, Mullens lost to Hilaro Morales, 10, and Morales stopped Sergio Gomez, 6. Hector Garcia won from Luis Gutierrez, 10.

Mexican champion Victor Manual Quijano stopped Tommy Tibbs, 8. Hisao Kobayashi won the Orient title by outpointing Leo Espinosa, 12.

Willie Pep outboxed Prince Johnson 10. George Stephany, 10, and Cleo Ortiz, 10. Angel Guerrero kayoed Americo Rivera, 9, and beat Fidel Lucero, 10. Roberto Garcia kayoed Noel Humphreys, 2.

Fili Nava stopped Kildo Martinez, 7. Italian champion Sergio Caprari outscored Bobby Bell, 10. Manual Alvarez beat Gregorio Oliva, 10.

Claudio Adame kayoed Memo Ruiz, 2, and Leopardo Solis, 4. Pedro Miranda defeated Juan Carlos Ayala, 10. Genaro Serafin won over Luis Trejo, 8. Raul Vargas drew with Jose Casas, 10, then beat Jose, 10.

Baby Navarro bested Ray DeLeon, 8. Ernie Masangkay drew with bantamweight Manuel Armenteros, 8. Memo Baltazares decisioned Emilio Olivares, 10. Roberto Hernandez halted Andy Hernandez, 5.

Rodolfo Francis stopped Fenley Hooker, 5. Ramon Cervantes won on a disqualification from Ramon Gonzalez, 8. Pedro Rocha stopped Indio Ramos, 7. Cain Rogero kayoed Jorge Valverde, 4, and beat Babe Luna, 10.

Ricardo Manzanillo kayoed Zurdo Espinosa, 5, and Kid Manolo Luna, 4. Oscar Torres won from Elias Reyes, 10, but lost to Martin Vasquez, 10. Cubanito Gonzalez defeated Joe Celis, 8, and Lui Chaney, 8. Al Tisi outpointed Juan Venegas, 6. Huracan Sibaja whipped Eduardo Meza, 10.

Tano Serna stopped Armando Morales, 8 and Rolando Douglas, 3. Joey Augustin whipped Calvin Leigh, 8. Luis Trejo won over Tono Coria, 8. George Reiter halted Jackie Freres, 1. Mike Hernandez kayoed Pantera de Campoton, 4.

Lee Bohles defeated Bernie Jones, 6. Chamaco Guzman stopped Manny Linson, 8. Rocky Fontnette and Manuel Sifunetes drew, 6. Moy Taylor kayoed Fili Santiago, 8.

Tito Marshall beat Basilio Williams, 6. Rocky Moises bested Al Manalang, 8. Wally Livingston decisioned George Quinones, 6. Floyd Gatiuan defeated Lionel Rivera, 6. Willy Gonzalez defeated Bayoya Garcia, 8.

Al Cantara kayoed Charlie Cortez, 5. Hipolito Burciaga halted Negro Garcia, 4. Armando Palomares stopped Chucho Alvarado, 7. Speedy Orlando won from Paul Pascua, 8. Luis Sanchez stopped Daniel Olivares, 5. Doug Vaillant won from Cristobal Gonzalez, 6. George Quinigero defeated Valentin Brown, 6.

Roy Jacobs stopped Gil Neill, 5. Jean Sneyers outpointed Jean Dos Santos, 10. Auburn Copeland defeated Felix Cervantes, 10. Louis Poncy outpointed Tanny Campo, 10.

Ruso Rodriguez stopped Pelon Duran, 6. Gerry Simpson kayoed Tiger Pyle, 3. Johnny Shaw defeated Ruben Gonzalez, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Jose (Toluca) Lopez stopped Billy Peacock, 11.

Joe Beccera halted Dwight Hawkins, 9, and Miguel Lazu, 7.

British Empire champion Peter Keenan retained his title by outpointing Graham Van Der Walt, 15.

Manuel Armenteros was held to a draw by featherweight Ernie Masangkay, 8.

Fighting as a featherweight Leo Espinosa lost to Hisao Kobayashi, 12, then retained his Orient title by outpointing Sadao Yaoita, 12. Roberto Castro defeated featherweight Nildo Peralta, 10.

Felix Gutierrez upset Huesito Gonzalez, 10. Eloy Sanchez kayoed Cheto Fernandez, 2. Panama champion Edwin Sykes retained his crown by stopping Claudo Martinez, 14. Gene Aragon and Bert Gonzalez, drew, 10.

Miguel Lazu stopped Joe Medel, 4. Johnny Sarduy won over Victor Recio, 8. Jose Luis Mora stopped Raton Vargas, 7.

Jorge Herrera won over Rudy Corona, 10. Rudy also lost to Javier Garfias, 10. Javier also defeated Alejo Mejia, 10. Ernie Paredes decision San Juan Boy, 8. Bernardo dela Cruz beat Manuel Rojas, 8. Rojas also lost to Chucho Arriola, 8.

Al Pell halted Ramon Soto, 3. Monito Luna bested Tibico Torres, 8. Torres also lost to Alberto Soto, 8. Torito Mota stopped Monito Hernandez, 5. Manuel Rodriguez won on a disqualification over Gillermo Gonzales, 3.

Pablo Berrios kayoed Pecas Espinosa, 3. Heriberto Saucedo defeated Alex Jiménez, 8. Hector Agundez stopped Martin Gonzalez, 6. Terry Toole defeated Frankie Jones, 8.

Gerardo Isoba outscored Pedro Campos, 10. Jose Oliva whipped Jose Xiala, 6, Xiala was then stopped by Enrique Casanovas, 2. Jorge Gomez decisioned Aurelio Reyna, 8. Gino Tovar bested Babe Viesca, 10. Abel Pena stopped Nicholas Reyes, 5.

Chucho Hernandez kayoed Kid Lunarcito, 8. Chaparro DeLeon kayoed Enrique Cazares, 4. Raul Olmos beat Rafael Hernandez, 8.

Roberto Trevino whipped Francisco Ortiz, 6. Miguel Juarez beat Gustavo Carrera, 6. Raul Mares and Martin Varela drew, 6.

Leo Espinosa outpointed Manuel Armenteros, 12. Terry Spinks trounced Alex Bollaert, 8. Gerardo Isoba defeated Jorge Gomez, 10. Killer Solomon whipped Trickey Nugent, 6.

Gino Tovar decisioned Antonio Gonzalez, 10. Francisco Sanchez defeated Cuco Avalos, 6. Antonio Barcenez kayoed David Morales, 2.

FLYWEIGHTS

World champion Pascual Perez retained his title by outscoring Ramon Arias, 15.

Orient champion Pone Kingpetch outpointed Masaji (Lefty) Iwamoto, 10.

Dommy Ursua stopped Masakazu Otsuka, 2.

Ramon Calatayud outpointed Jimmy Abeyta, 10.

Carlos Miranda outpointed Urbierta Sosa, 10. Sadao Yaoita lost to Leo Espinosa, 12.

Leo Zulueta decisioned Keizo Kamie, 10. Ray Ruiz whipped Jose Galvan, 10.

British champion Frankie Jones lost to bantamweight Terry Toole, 8. Chiquis Rosales outpointed Alejo Mejia, 10. Goyo Flores kayoed Sandy Nava, 2.

Golden Boy whipped Leon Silos, 10. Viva Zapata drew with Baby Ross, 10, then beat Ross in 6. Little Brown beat Berting Alvarez, 8. Eduardo Hernandez stopped Juan Ayala, 2.

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times is romping in the garden with Dannee, his five year old daughter, who is his pride and joy. She is a living doll and likes to copy daddy's mannerisms such as jutting her jaw. She is as feminine and beautiful as Sallee McShain, her mother. She is graceful and talented in ballet and is an excellent swimmer and exhibitionist. When she grows up Danny is afraid that she may have trouble explaining how she was given a name that could be mistaken for a boy's, but she'll never have to explain who her father was.

His gift of gab led him to take up auctioneering, particularly after he and a close friend had attended an auction. In Decatur, Ill., he graduated from the Ruppert School of auctioneering, is licensed, and has auctioneered in California, Indiana, Ohio and New York. He prefers to auction furniture because to him it is a fascinating study. His knowledge of the language of the auctioneer gives him a jargon that enables him to tell off a referee without being slapped down.

THE PACIFIC COAST—*BY ED RIGGS*

Art Neilsen and Hans Hermann, two of the toughest heavyweights in American rings, have captured the NWA World heavyweight tag team title from Cyclone Anaya and Ramon Torres. The action-filled tussle took place in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium before a huge crowd. Anaya is now wrestling in the southwest states. Neilsen and Hermann have teamed elsewhere with considerable success, and have their teamwork figured out well. . . . Ronnie Etchison's return to the west coast has been delayed until September because of heavy bookings of the "Missouri Fireball" in the midwest. Ronnie, who is always a prime favorite everywhere he goes, is one of the most colorful and popular stars now active. . . . Keep your eye on young Eddie (Red) Rodriguez. This flashy, clean-cut Mexican youngster is rapidly becoming a top flight matman and looks very good. Red makes his home in San Antonio, Texas and is considered a brilliant addition to the mat fraternity. He bares watching. . . .

Stan Kowalski of Minneapolis says that he is getting the stall treatment from Pacific Coast heavyweight champion Ramon Torres. Kowalski has repeatedly challenged Torres to a title match, but thus far Ramon has steered clear. However, it must be remembered that a champion has many challengers and title bouts are not given every day of the week. This is understandable, and we're sure that when his other title challengers are given their chances at the belt, Ramon will give Kowalski his chance at relieving the valued coast diadem from him.

One of the finest bouts presented in California was promoted by Fresno, Calif., promoter Al Dermer recently between coast champ Ramon Torres and Italy's Ilio DiPaolo. Both men are highly capable and fought fast and hard throughout the match. Torres and Di Paolo are to be commended for the brilliant showing in this match. . . . Heavyweight wrestler King Jack writes from Portsmouth, Va., where he is stationed with the US Marines.

King Jack is plenty good and if given the right breaks, can develop into a top gate attraction upon his discharge from the service ranks. . . . Fast becoming a big attraction in Western Canada is big Art Michalik, the Chicago born ex-grid star of the San Francisco '49'ers and Pittsburgh Steelers. Michalik, a 245 pounder, now makes his home in Sunnyvale, Calif., a community near San Francisco. When watching Art Michalik in action, fans can be assured of seeing the finest in wrestling. . . Attendance has always created interesting copy and conversation among writers and fans throughout the wrestling world. Promoter Dan Klein of Berger, Texas, reports that weekly wrestling shows in his arena—50 miles from Amarillo—have been well received by fans. Berger has had its share of top attendance records and is well known among the grunt and groaners as a good, profitable town in which to wrestle. Dan reports that wrestler Dory Funk, top notch matman from Umbarger, Texas, has a $50,000 lawsuit pending resulting from action in Amarillo last March 25. He was wrestling in team action against Don Evans and Joe Christie when he was thrown from the ring and into a spectator who was carrying an armload of cokes. The drinks went in all directions, and the fan took offense after the wrestling cowboy made apologies and attempted to help in his own small way. One thing led to another, and a fight ensued. Rather than file charges against Funk, the spectator sought a $50,000 lawsuit.

Paul Anderson, the 350 pound Georgia boy from Toccoa, is to appear in New York City in May where he will match Russian weightlifters feat by feat. The amateur Russians will meet the American crop of amateurs in weightlifting competition, and Anderson will match the Russian winners in anything they win in. Howard Cantonwine, ex-heavyweight wrestling star of a few years ago, is guiding Anderson's mat future, and is a wise gentleman who is slowly but surely making the 1956 Olympic weightlifting kingpin, a top-notch wrestler.

My monthly results feature, "Wrestling World Results—News," is now available to fans throughout the world. Anyone interested should contact me at 4510 North Arthur Ave., Fresno 5, Calif., and I'll forward complete information on this unusual, fast-rising feature by return mail . . . Art Neilsen is one of the most able roughies in the business. The big Texan who has seen much action in this country and Canada, is a good wrestler but likes his ring action fast and rough . . . Ray Villmer is a top draw in Florida as is Mr. Moto and Duke Keemuka . . . Elephant Boy is reported to be Arkansas State Champion . . . Lee Garibaldi has left the Southwest for a trip into the heart of Dixie, where he has seen action as a team with his uncle Chick. Leo and poppa Gino Garibaldi were the greatest tag unit in west coast history and their return would give the game a needed "shot in the arm."

Congratulations to Enrique and Al Torres who recently nabbed the Texas Tag Team crown from Danny and Casey McShane. . . . Dan Manoukian top notch grid ace, is now a pro wrestling campaigner. He's showing his wares in the San Francisco region, as is popular Johnny Swenski, lightning fast ex-World junior heavyweight king. . . . George Pencheff of Australia and Bud Curtis have joined promoter Stu Hart's list of top talent in western Canada. . . . Paul Anderson whipped Hombre Montana in Oakland (Calif.) recently. Paul weighs in at 350 lbs., while Montana tips the scales at 325 lbs. . . . Sky High Lee and Billy Varga are wrestling in the southern California area, as is Billy Darnell, Henry Lenz, Hardy Kruskamp, Sammy Berg, and Johnny Demchuck.

PACIFIC COAST HEAVYWEIGHT RATINGS

CHAMPION: Ramon Torres, Mexico

Challengers

Position

1. Hans Hermann, Chicago, Ill.
2. Stanley Kowalski, Minneapolis, Minn.
3. Lee Nomellini, Palo Alto, Calif.
4. Ilie DiPaolo, Buffalo, N. Y.
5. Art Neilsen, Atlanta, Ga.
6. Paul Anderson, Toccoa, Ga.
7. Lu Kim, San Francisco, Calif.
8. Pat Fraley, Burbank, Calif.
9. Tex McKenzie, Dallas, Texas.
10. Karl von Schober, Ottawa, Canada.

ROUNDUP . . . *BY BOB UTTER*

An outstanding mat card was presented at the Indianapolis Armory last month by Promoter Dick Patton by featuring Bobby Managoff, 235, Chicago, Ill., against Wilbur Snyder, 240, Santa Monica, Calif., in a scrap which went to the polished Managoff in two of three-falls.

More than 3,000 fans saw Managoff grab the first frame in 11:34 while sec-

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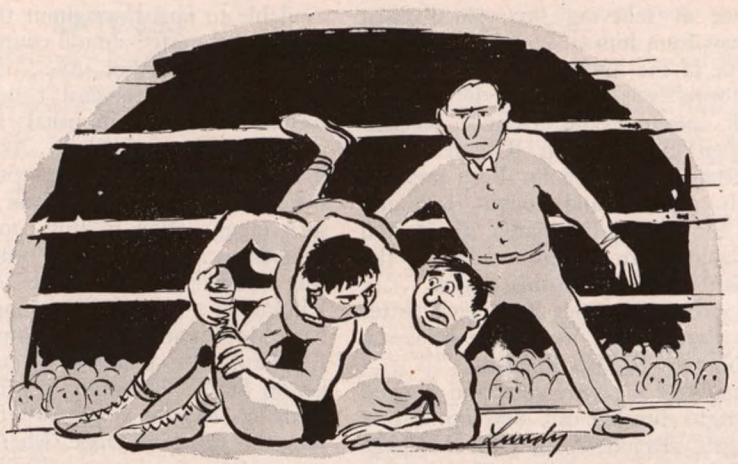

"SURE I'D LIKE TO BE CHAMP—BUT MY REAL AMBITION IS TO PLAY HAMLET"

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ond fall honors went to Snyder over the Chicagoan in 9:26. The Californian used a grapevine. Managoff used a back drop and a press to capture the match. The time was 6:48.

In a women's tag match, the tandem of Babs Wingo, 150, New Orleans, La., and Marva Scott, 142, Detroit, scored a sensational win over the duo of Lula Mae Provo, 135, Baltimore, and Ethel Johnson, 140, Atlanta, Ga., by notching two falls of a three-fall melee.

Scott won the first fall over Provo in 10:27 with Johnson defeating Wingo to even the score at 1-all. The third fall went to Wingo over Johnson in 11:49.

Preliminary bout action saw Bob Konovsky, 240, Minneapolis, Minn., down Gypsy Joe, 215, in 15:58 with a flying tackle and a body press. Lou Thomas was the referee.

Pandemonium broke lose at the City Auditorium in Houston last month when Promoter Morris Sigel staged a "public demand" match between Texas State Heavyweight Champion El Medico and rugged Bull Curry.

An estimated 8,000 fans were on hand to witness what was actually mass murder on the part of both grapplers. The first three rows of ringside chairs were torn out; Curry beat Medico over the head with a chair, and Medico in turn clobbered his opponent several times with an iron setting piece.

Medico, 230, Mexico City, won the first fall over Curry, 208, Hartford, Conn., in 19:32 by pounding his lighter opponent into submission. Curry, who was unable to stand on his feet at the start of the second fall, was disqualified by Referee Otto Kuss to prevent further damage.

The pride of Houston, Pepper Gomez, made a return visit to the auditorium against Johnny Valentine and won two of three-falls.

Gomez, 205, Los Angeles, Calif., whirled Valentine into submission with an airplane spin 12:47 but lost the second fall to Valentine in 4:58 with a back breaker. The Californian notched third fall honors in 6:43 when Valentine, 230, Seattle, Wash., hurled his opponent over the top of the ropes causing a disqualification on the part of Referee Marvin Jones.

Another local favorite, Enrique Torres, 235, Los Angeles, defeated clever Sam Steamboat, 215, Honolulu, in 14:32 of a scheduled 15-minute match. Both men wrestled science and skill but Steamboat made one mistake. That was enough for Torres.

Big Fritz Von Erich, a gigantic 6-foot 6-inch, 260 pound German, used every shady tactic in the wrestling catalog to defeat Enrique Romero, 220, Los Angeles, in a preliminary bout while Chief Ava, 220, Samoan Islands, and Juan Sebastian, 225, Spain, went to a stalemate in the opener.

A number of big scraps are in the making at the auditorium, especially the one between International Champion Lou Thesz and N.W.A. Champion Dick Hutton. Promoter Sigel wired Hutton an offer of a base guarantee of $15,000 to meet Thesz in an all out match here before the 4th of July. After seeing both men in action, I would have to go with Thesz. What do you think?

RASSLIN' . . . BY W. A. WILSON

ANGELO SAVOLDI of Hoboken, New Jersey won the National Wrestling Alliance World's Junior Heavyweight Championship, Friday, Feb. 28, 1958 from Irish Mike Clancy in Oklahoma City, Okla.'s Stockyards Coliseum before 4,100 roaring fans.

CLANCY had held the belt since 1956 when he won it in Tulsa from Gentleman Edmund Francis. Clancy was bleeding profusely from a head cut during the last fall of the match. Savoldi won the first fall with a front chancery or face-lock, in 15 minutes. Clancy took the second in 12 minutes with a series of drop kicks. The deciding fall and change of title came with a back body drop by Savoldi after 16 minutes. The 200-pound title which the tough Italian won is recognized all over the U.S.A.

Many wrestlers turn referee when they have open dates on which they are not wrestling. This helps them financially and also gives them a first hand view of many new holds. One of the best referees that I have seen is none other than Wild Red Berry of Pittsburg, Kansas. The red-headed ruffian wants to wrestle so bad that when the villain refuses to heed the referees warning he (Wild Red) uses force in the way of fist and flying mares. Wild Red makes them toe the line and rules are "Do as I say—Not as I do". . . . Some of the many wrestler-referees are 1) Otto Kuss 2) Jim Blood 3) Bobby Bruns 4) Sonny Myers 5) Jumbo Jack Kennedy 6) Gentleman Jim Dobie 7) Swedish Angel (Phil Olfson) plus many others.

Jack Curtis, now campaigning in the Mo-Kan area is a man who knows a thousand holds. A crowd-pleaser Don graduated from Buffalo (N. Y.) University and missed the 1948 Olympics trials only due to a hold up of funds for expense money at the last moment. He was good at football and also a great swimming diver. While in Hawaii he won the title of "International Wrestling Champion".

While in New Zealand Curtis married Wilma, they now have a nine-month old son and the fabulous scientific wrestler calls Amarillo, Texas home.

While an amateur wrestler at the University of Buffalo Curtis made a name for himself as he won many Collegiate titles.

Several weeks ago on live TV from St. Joseph, Mo., Don was showing holds and asked for a volunteer for his famous sleeper hold. No one came forward so the announcer Bob Whyte submitted to the demonstration. He quickly went into a deep sleep and was hard to awake from his slumber. It took several hard blows to the 7th vertibrae to snap the announcer to himself. Whyte announced that he felt no pain and had a nice restful sleep. He announced and described the matches during the following bout better than ever.

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warm up to the job in hand. Suddenly Andrews let fly a right to Gonzalez's chin. Tex staggered then sagged to the canvas, clutching Andrews around the legs as he fell. Referee Harry Ebbets ordered Andrews to a neutral corner but the New Englander had difficulty prying his legs loose from Gonzalez's frantic embrace. Finally, he did, and Tex was counted out. In a free-swinging semi-final six between two Philadelphians, Willie Long, 156, finished ahead of Al Avant, 158. Another scheduled six produced a quick win for ex-Olympian Joe Shaw, 143, St. Louis, who disposed of Mark Murray, 144, Newark, N. J., at 2:47 of the first. In fours, Eddie Scurlock, 148½, edged out a Bronx rival, Joey Cannon, 145½; Richie Verte, 152½, Astoria, decisioned Bobby Angelo, 150½, Brooklyn; George Quinones, 130, Bronx, outfought Santiago Conzaglio, 130, West Side, and Marcel Vizien, 138½, Jersey City, drew with Bobby Sanchez, 141½, Puerto Rico.

▶In his 23rd professional start, Mickey Crawford, 149, Saginaw, Mich., moved himself up on the Big Time by outpointing the veteran Gil Turner, 154½, Philadelphia, in a spirited ten in Madison Square Garden. It was Crawford's first appearance in the Garden and on national TV. The bout was close but the officials felt that Crawford's shifty boxing and smart punching more than offset Turner's persistent but often ineffective aggressiveness. Although Turner forced the action practically all the way and often crowded Crawford against the ropes, the majority of his swings either swished harmlessly through the air or were cleverly blocked by Mickey. The Michigander fought mainly in flurries but he showed some fast punching and neat two-handed combinations. They didn't seem to pack much power, however. Crawford clipped Turner repeatedly with solid clouts but they had little effect on Gil. If the veteran tired in the closing rounds it was more from his own strenuous efforts than from anything Crawford did. In sixes, Joe Fusco, 152½, Waterbury, Conn., whipped Jimmy Moulton, 147, Washington Heights, and Jimmy Hackney, 138, Philadelphia, had the better of Roger Harvey, 138½, a visitor from Bermuda. In fours, Andy Figaro, 154, Puerto Rico, won from Tony Montana, 154, Philadelphia, and Eddie Jordan, 143½, Brooklyn, accounted for the only knockout of the night by polishing off Gene Tackach, 138; Trenton, N. J., at 2:20 of the second.

▶Trained by former world featherweight champion Sandy Saddler, lanky Rudy Sawyear, 149½, Harlem, made good use of his long reach to turn in an easy decision over Jimmy Peters, 148½, Washington, D. C., in a fair-to-middlin' ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Peters tried to make a fight of it but was up against a difficult problem getting inside Sawyer's left jab which not only checked the Washingtonian's rushes but kept him constantly off-balance. When he did get close enough to Sawyer, Peters scored well with rights to the body, but for the most part he was a target for Rudy's tantalizing lefts. Although both boys were supposed to be hard hitters, neither was in trouble at any time. It was promising Sawyer's sixth win in succession and gave him an overall pro record of 15-2. A pair of visitors from Trenton, N. J., won and lost in sixes. The winner was Wally Livingston, 126½, who was too shifty for George Quinones, 130, Puerto Rico. The loser was Billy Robb, 161, who dropped a close decision to Frank Keating, 158½, Wallingford, Conn. In fours, Joe Parkham, 161, Paterson, N. J., won from Jimmy McNair, 158, East Side, and Bobby Sanchez, 141, Bronx, punched a bit too often for Marcel Bizien, 137, Jersey City.

▶Although the return ten again resulted in a split decision for Tony DiBiase, 159, Astoria, over Peter Schmidt, 148, Yorkville, there wasn't the dissension over the verdict that had marked the first meeting of the rivals at the St. Nicholas Arena four weeks previously. DiBiase's edge this time was by a slightly wider margin. The New York University geology student set a steady pace throughout while Schmidt fought in wild, sporadic flurries. It was mainly a battle between DiBiase's left hooks and Schmidt's straight rights, with the collegian more accurate and effective with his combinations. There were no knockdowns but Schmidt was staggered several times and both boys suffered cuts around their eyes. Freddie Mack, 174, Brooklyn, hustled his way to a decision over Eddie Bramlett, 173, Bronx, in a dull semi-final six. Frank Weisberger, 173, Paterson, N. J., stopped Marian Guzzo, 174, Easton, Pa., at the end of the third of another six. In fours, Julio Santiago, 132¾, Bronx, won from Ernesto Maldonado, 134¼, Puerto Rico, and Nick Procak, 144½, Bronx, stopped Billy Ellboam, 144, Brooklyn, at 2:04 of the third.

▶Local Brooklynites came out all even, with two wins, two draws and two defeats in six of the seven bouts comprising Eastern Parkway Arena's third non-TV "new talent" card. One of Brooklyn's winners was promising Eddie Jordan, 144, who continued along his unbeaten trail by punching out a well-earned decision over experienced Federico Escalero, 147, Puerto Rico, in the top six. The verdict gave Jordan a record of ten wins and one draw in eleven starts. Brooklyn didn't fare so well in the co-featured six, Harvey Charles, 132, dropping the decision to Johnny Bean, 131, Harlem. In fours, the one borough winner was Greatest Crawford, 157, victor over Ralph Harris, 160½, Harlem, and the loser was Al Whitt, 175, outpointed by Clay Thompson, 172, Harlem. Walter Taylor, 128, and George Warren, 171, were the Brooklynites figuring in even-up affairs. Taylor drew with Vernon Lynch, 130½, West Side, and Warren split the honors with Tommy Hough, 168, Newark, N. J. The only bout not showing a Brooklyn entry was the only bout that failed to go its scheduled route, Manuel Rodriguez, 122, Puerto Rico, disposing of Lou Reyes, 123, East Side, at 0:47 of the fourth. Although no official figures were released, the turnout was estimated at 600, and the promoters seemed encouraged by the continued, if slight, improvement in attendance at each succeeding show.

▶After his sensational one-punch kayo of Tex Gonzales in the same ring three weeks before, Eddie Andrews, 156, Lowell, Mass., suffered a stunning letdown when he dropped a split decision to a Ray Robinson sparmate, Otis Woodard, 159¼, Harlem, in a rugged ten at St. Nicholas Arena. An added feature to the bout was appearances of Robinson in Woodard's corner and Rocky Graziano in Andrews'. Woodard, rated little better than a preliminary performer, with a previous record of only 9 wins and one draw in 27 starts, must have been inspired by Robinson's presence. He boxed well and hit fast, particularly with counter punches to the head. Andrews was aggressor most of the way and did his most effective scoring with body belts. Both boys suffered facial damages during the bout. Andrews' nose started bleeding in the fourth and his left cheekbone was cut in the fifth. Woodard was nicked alongside his left eye in the fifth. The closeness of the bout was evidenced in the scoring. Referee Teddy Martin voted for Andrews, 5-4-1, Judge Joe Eppy had the same tally for Woodard, and the other judge, Artie Aidala, called it even in rounds, 5-5, but gave Woodard the edge in points, 6-5. That slim margin decided the issue in favor of the Harlemite. Although he was down when the final bell rang at the count of four, Ray Lancaster, 141, Spartanburg, S. C., had a comfortable lead on Larry Jones, 144½, Harlem, in the semi-final six. In fours, Charley Forest, 183½, Harlem, beat Danny Logan, 183½, Paterson, N. J., and Solomon McTier, 202½, Montgomery, Ala., outfought Louis Jones, 191 Rockford, Ill.

WINNER TAKES ALL

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and the jagged facial contours which mark, for example, Carmen Basilio.

"If you identify yourself as a professional boxer in any crowd merely by the evidences of punishment you have taken, you can't be too good," Martinez said recently, on his return to Miami from the Akins-Logart affair.

Martinez has a splendid left. He hits hard. He is a thinking fighter. He looks calm and polite, but let him smell the old gravy and he will be as much the killer as Akins.

Vince is a high school graduate and if he weren't fighting he would be earning a living as a draughtsman. Or he might even be in movies or television. He is a good looking guy, and his ring foes have maintained that he never will let that classic phizz get mussed up.

Martinez has a skilled and calculating director in Bill Daly.

A summary of Martinez's professional career reveals 64 fights, 59 of them won, 5 lost, with 30 knockouts. Nobody yet has stopped Vince.

Akins, on the other hand, has been stopped twice, though not since he came to the fore as a possible contender.

Virgil has had 64 fights, 46 wins, 17 defeats, 1 draw and 26 KOs.

Clearly, the record book gives the edge to Martinez. But the "feel of the fight" says that Akins, as the more interesting socking pattern and the better hitter, has an edge.

Akins is a two-fisted hitter, with an advantage for the left. He is no Arthur Murray. Count him out of the Fancy Dan class. But he likes to fight. Not that he cannot strike a night, as he did in his second meeting with Logart, on which he is just stinko.

Virgil can fight a cute boxer. He proved that when he got the decision over Hector Constance.

Akins is a rally man. He showed that when he snapped out of the Saxton mess and a four fight losing streak, and battled his way into the welter tournament which was set up by Basilio's having jumped into the middleweight class.

In a fight, give some consideration to the more hungry man. In this case, it's Akins.

Martinez can't win? Far from the truth. He could turn up the new welter champion. But, no matter who lands the title, the class will be well and ably represented.

In the New Faces story in the May issue of The Ring it was stated that Henry Gutierrez, Deming, N. M. lightweight, in his last start had turned in a six round kayo over veteran Johnny Hart, the Phoenix, Ariz., lightweight who has fought many of the topnotchers.

This information appears to be wrong as this Johnny Hart at the time was in the U. S. Army, stationed in the Caribbean. We are attempting to check further into the matter. However, we felt it only fair to acknowledge this further information while we attempt to discover who Gutierrez fought on February 12, 1958 at Albuquerque, N. M.

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Harrison, Kadena AB, Okinawa.

Also, lightweight Bill Cherry, Tempelhof AB; featherweight Willie Thomas, Lackland AFB, Texas; bantamweight John Cerreghin, Itazuke AB, Japan; and flyweight Donnie Adamson, Tachikawa AB, Japan.

One of the strongest Navy squads will be from the Destroyer Forces, Atantic. The DesLant mittmen boast three 1957 All-Navy champs as the nucleus of their stable. Bantamweight Ray Wharton, featherweight Tabby Lee and welterweight Willie Branch are defending titlists. Lee will be seeking his third straight title.

Duhart Bailey, runner-up for the welterweight title in 1957 and winner in 1956, is also on the DesLant squad.

Three Marine boxers will be seeking their third straight title and two others will be defending titles won in 1957. Lightweight Luis Molina, FMFPac, light-middleweight Roosevelt Charles, Camp Lejeune, N. C., and middleweight Eugene Wright, Quantico, will all be after title number three.

Two scrappers from San Diego MCRD will be defending crowns won last year, heavyweight Homer Green and light-heavyweight Ron Pettus.

FAMOUS SERIES BOUTS

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mid-July. It must have been over 100 degrees in the Stadium that night, even hotter in the ring under the lights. Zale closed Graziano's left eye in the first. He floored him in the third.

The referee took a look at the closed eye. "Give him one more round," pleaded Whitey Bimstein, Graziano's second.

It was now or never, do or die for Rocky. He came out punching, sending right after left, and left after right. Zale, exhausted by the heat, was hammered to the ropes. He was draped over the ropes when the referee pulled Graziano away. Rocky was the winner, the world middleweight champion.

Still unable to fight in New York, though a champion and a hero on the lower East Side, Graziano made his title defense in Newark. Again it was Zale coming out of the other corner. This time it was all Zale. He wore Graziano down with body punches and knocked him out in the third round.

The $556,417 grossed by Zale and Graziano in the Chicago Stadium set an indoor record. Even Robinson and Basilio failed to top it, and it may be of interest that Zale, now the boxing coach for the Chicago CYO, received a tremendous hand when he was introduced prior to the opening round of the Ray-Carmen mill.

Graziano has found his nitch in television, and has also authored a book, his life story, "Somebody Up There Likes Me." Ross, also introduced before Sugar Ray and Carmen went into action, is an author too. His life story is titled "No Man Stands Alone."

Both Graziano and Ross have had their lives made into motion pictures.

McLarnin is a well to do business man in Los Angeles. Canzoneri has a restaurant in Philadelphia, and Ambers is training fighters for his old manager, Al Weill. They're all doing well.

Willie Pep, who figured in another famous series—with Sandy Saddler—is still fighting. The series started when Saddler knocked Pep out in four rounds to win the world featherweight championship. This looked like the end of the trail for Willie, but the return bout proved to be one of the greatest ever seen in Madison Square Garden.

Pep gave all he had that night. He called on his remarkable skill, and used every trick he knew, such as standing on Saddler's feet, to regain the title in a savage 15 round battle. The wounds above his eyes covered with bandages, Pep returned to Hartford the day after the fight to address the Connecticut Legislature.

It was Willie's greatest triumph, and no doubt his greatest fight.

Their third fight at the Yankee Stadium drew a record gate for featherweights, $282,150. It ended when Pep couldn't answer the bell for the 11th round. Dr. Vincent Nardello, after examining Willie in the corner, reported he had dislocated his shoulder.

Such an ending called for another fight. It turned out to be one of the roughest ever fought, ending when Saddler retained the title by knocking out Pep in the ninth round.

As a result of an eye injury, suffered in an automobile accident, Saddler retired undefeated. Like Ambers he has become a trainer of fighters.

The heavyweight championship has rarely gone beyond two fights, with the exception of the Jersey Joe Walcott-Ezzard Charles series. They first met for the title at Chicago in 1949 after Joe Louis retired undefeated. Charles won the decision and the title in 15 rounds. Before they met again, Charles established a clear claim to the crown by defeating Bomber Joe, who made the mistake of coming back.

Then Ezz settled down to fighting Jersey Joe. Charles won the second fight in Detroit, but it was close enough for Walcott to protest the decision. The third fight in Pittsburgh resulted in one of the greatest upsets ever. Charles was such a heavy favorite there was little betting. He started slowly, letting Jersey Joe win the early rounds, or so it seemed. The experts in the press section figured old Joe would run down eventually.

In the seventh round it happened. Walcott hooked to Charles' jaw and the champion toppled, first to his knees, and then, as the referee started to count, he fell over backwards, his eyes closed. In his fifth attempt to win the heavyweight crown—he had lost twice to Louis—Jersey Joe Walcott had succeeded.

The fourth fight at Philadelphia was close, though lacking the thrills of the preivous one. The decision went to Walcott. Although Charles felt he had received less than justice, the fact is he failed to step up the pace in the last three or four rounds. Perhaps he couldn't. Perhaps he was tired.

There is not the space to list all of boxing's series. The most celebrated was between Jack Britton and Ted (Kid) Lewis. They fought 20 times. Two of these for the world welterweight title went 20 rounds, Britton winning one and Lewis the other. The most decisive victory was scored by Britton when he knocked out Lewis in nine rounds.

The series started with a no-decision bout in 1915, and ended in 1921 when Britton outpointed Lewis in 15 rounds to retain the world welterweight title. During those years they must have got to know each other pretty well.

Benny Leonard and Johnny Dundee fought eight times, all no-decisions. Dundee and Willie Jackson faced each other in 11 bouts. It started when Jackson knocked out Dundee in the first round at Philadelphia. Except for 15-round bout won by Jackson, the others were either draws or no-decisions.

A famous series in the distant past was between Battling Nelson and Joe Gans. They met first at Goldfield, Nev., in the initial Tex Rickard promotion. Gans, the lightweight champion, was made to weigh in three times at 133 pounds in tights and shoes, yet the Old Master won on a foul in 42 rounds.

In their second fight at San Francisco, Nelson knocked out the fading Gans in 17 rounds. Gans was finished when he opposed Nelson the third time. This was in Colma, Calif., and Joe had bet he would last 20 rounds. He did only to be knocked out in the 21st.

In more modern times, Sugar Ray Robinson fought Jake LaMotta six times; Kid Gavilan and Billy Graham met four times, and Sixto Escobar and Lou Salica had a three-bout series. There are many, many more, among them the Beau Jack-Bob Montgomery series during the war years.

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BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan W. Copeland

AT THE ARENA COLON, IN A PROMOTION STAGED BY Louis Craig, Edwin Sykes defended his bantam weight title against Claudio Martinez and scored a fourteen round knockout. The end came after one minute 29 seconds of the round.

The gate drew $2,440. Dr. Aurelio Lopez donated a fine trophy to the winner. Sykes weighed 117¼, Martinez 118.

George Quintero, 117, won a six round unanimous decision over Valentin Brown, 126. Hector Hicks, 122, won a four rounder from Al Stewart, 125. David Wright, 127½, decisioned C. Vargas, 128, in four.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS
By Les Muller

EUROPEAN ROUND-UP.

SPRINGS: Jose Ogazon, 26 year old flyweight champion of Spain, scored a splendid clear cut points victory over Dennis Adams, South African and Empire flyweight champion, before a small crowd at the Pam Brink Stadium. Adams had Ogazon down for two counts, in the third and eighth rounds, but failed to follow-up his advantages.

MIDDLE: Chris Van Rooyen (157) knocked out Jimmy Taylor (151) in the fourth. WELTER: Karel Stols (142½) beat Buster Perry (147) on a T.K.O. 1. CATCHWEIGHTS: Alex Manson beat Erroll Smith on a TKO 2. LIGHT: Louis Klopper beat Cassie Steenkamp on points over four rounds.

▶ JOHANNESBURG: Mike Holt, South African lightheavyweight champion, beat Artenio Calzavarra, European champion on a T.K.O. in the fifth round, at the Rand Stadium before a crowd of 14,000 people. Holt appeared to have won all four rounds, preceding the final fifth. He had been belting hard to the body with both hands and really shaking the Italian each time he hit him on the jaw. A gash was opened between Calzavarra's eyes in the second round. In the fifth Holt tore in for the kill. Two right uppercuts, followed by two left hooks had Calzavarra wobbling at the knees. Then a looping right uppercut crashed under the Italians jaw and sent him flying across the ring and down to the canvas for what is claimed as the first knock-down of his career. Calzavarra came up bleeding so badly from the mouth that he decided to call it quits.

Charlie Els (123½) outweighed and outpointed National Bantam and Featherweight Champion Graham van der Walt over eight gory rounds. Renier Boshoff (159½) outpointed Victoria Corsa (158½) over four rounds. Ken Watson (136½) stopped Laurie Erasmus (137½) in one round. Billy Lotter (158) won on a 6th round disqualification from Dickie Williams (157). Jan Botes again impressed with a very good win over Kenny Lawrence over six rounds, this was a middleweight fight.

NON-EUROPEAN ROUND-UP.

▶ JOHANNESBURG: Leslie Tangee (117¾), retained his transvaal bantamweight title by outpointing challenger, Klassie Links (114¼) over ten rounds at the Johannesburg Social Centre. The fight was fought at a great pace. Links carried the fight to the champion and scored with well-timed punches. The champion resorted to a two-fisted counter attack.

Ed Kekana (134½) scored a very narrow win over Chris Monare (134½) in an eight rounder. Monare stepped in as a last minute substitute, and really impressed.

Naphtalie Moshoeshoe (126½) beat Jackson Thangoana (130¼) on points over four rounds. WELTER: David Mbekwa knocked out Joseph Bogart in the third round. Frans Sefaonyana (125¾) beat Joe Zwane (125¾) on points over eight rounds. Peter Radebe (118) lost to 'Game Chicken' (115) on a sixth round T.K.O. it is by time the boxing board stopped these non-Europeans from using such stupid non-de-plumes.

▶ BLOEMFONTEIN: Boxing came back with a bang in Bloemfontein when 3,000 eager fans rolled up to witness some very good bouts. Gabriel Dlamini beat Eddie Matshidiso on points over six rounds. This was a welterweight fight, and really pleased the fans. FLYWEIGHT: Tiny Pepo decisioned Stephen Letsatsi over four rounds. FEATHERWEIGHT: Peter Koaha disposed of Ernest Buthelezi in three rounds. Moses Mofolo lost to Johannes Kgompiri on points over four rounds. Boston Blake lost to Kid Lulu on points over four rounds. Louis Molantoa beat Kid Njiva on points in a four-rounder. Andrew Mahlase lost to Samuel Tsatsi on points in another four rounder.

▶ JOHANNESBURG: Charles Ndabane (171) became the new Transvaal Cruiserweight champion by outpointing Jackson Moloi (173¾) over ten rounds at the Johannesburg Social Centre. The title was vacated by Ariel Xaba.

LIGHTWEIGHT: Willie Sekhu beat Chris Monare over eight rounds. FEATHERWEIGHT: Dan Tshepe knocked out Titus Hlatshwayo in the fourth round. BANTAMWEIGHT: Joas Koala t.k.o'd Hooks Pholoholo in round three. Peter Samuels drew with Paul Mosoeu over six rounds. LIGHTWEIGHT: Hamilton Madonsela outpointed Johnson Nyama.

▶ LOURENCO MARQUES: In a professional boxing tournament featuring both European and Non-European fighters, Herbert Hlubi knocked-out Mario Eugenio in three rounds. Hlubi punished the much-fancied Eugenio, and created a good impression amongst the Lourenco Marques boxing followers. Louis Klopper outpointed Cavallo Dos Santos over ten rounds. Henry Seabela drew with Manuel Fonseka over eight rounds. Ebrahim Bhayat drew with Francisco Billa over six rounds.

"BOY, WOULD I LIKE TO SEE THIS FIGHT"

EUROPEAN GOSSIP
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Lamperti bested Rene Barriere on points. In a heavies six Leon Labaj was upset by Rene Goubel, who won on points and Paul Vetroff licked Robert Lalmand in a bantam six.

▶ **Leghorn,** Italy. Franco Nenci defeated Morlay Kamara, Senegal lightie, over ten rounds here while Mario Sitri scored over Raymond Bernard, France, in a bantan eight. At **Civitavecchia,** Franco Sciscianto moved up a slot by getting the better of tough Jean Ruellet, one of Europe's busiest fighters, in a difficut middles ten. Egidio Crispino, 176, debuted with a win over Loreto Vari in a cruiser six, Salvatore Manca, 110, trimmed Goffredo Roffi, 112, in six and Nicola Funari, 134, drew with Romolo Spila over eight rounds. At **Ravenna,** Bruno Ilagi won over Ferrazzi in a middles eight and Ivan Tombolini stopped Cavagna in the fourth of a feathers duel.

▶ **Venissieux,** France. Vairolatto made it ten straight when he iced Jacques Ilari here in the third round of a feathers match while at **Bourges,** Dutch visitors were defeated by local stars. Jean Debondant whipped Theun Brommer in a welter ten and Ahmed Sebane won over Jan Verhagen in a lightie six.

▶ **Paris Central.** Guy Schatt came back to trounce Jean Leroux in a bantam eight while the Spanish lightie, Prieto Castro, beat Touboul over six rounds.

▶ **Cagliari,** Italy. The promising Sardinian welter, Fortunato Manca, added to his laurels by outpointing the experienced Frenchman, Michel Lombardet, in a close ten-rounder. Paolo Melis, absent in Canada these many years, returned to his native soil to dispose of the Spanish welter, Gil Suarez, over eight rounds while Gianni Zuddas likewise bested the Spanish bantam, Manolo Rodriguez over eight.

▶ **Munich,** Germany. Thanks to the enterprise of Willi Knorzer, boxing regained a foothold in the ancient Bavarian capital, attracting 4,000 fans to the Bavaria Hall. This province has always supplied Germany with its best small men and thus it was lightweight Rudi Langer who captured the crowd's imagination by his brilliant showing against Ray Paini of Italy. Both men gave of their best and Langer's excellent timing and elan gained him a popular verdict after ten fast rounds. Peter Muller pounded out a victory over Domingo Mena of Spain in a middles eight and Ulli Ritter beat Robert Warmbrunn, who was ordered to retire at the end of the sixth round. Herbert Schilling was lucky to get the nod over Jose Murgui, hardbitten Spanish lightie, in a four-rounder and Luis Vicente Serra drew once again with Max Heinze in a middles six. Conny Rudhoff won over Jose Cadalso, Spanish lightweight, in a four-rounder.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

MARCH BOXING CARDS AT MEXICO CITY WERE MUCH BETTER than in previous months because of the importation of boys from Cuba, namely featherweight Orlando Castillo and bantamweight Miguel Lazu. Besides, there were two international shows at Cuatro Caminos, in the old bullfight ring El Toreo, which included matches between Mauro Vazquez vs. Kenny Davis, Victor Manuel Quijano vs. Tommy Tibbs and Roberto Garcia vs. Noel Humphries.

▶Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 118, national bantamweight champ, stopped Memo Diez, 118, challenger, in a title match, in five rounds. Diez was no match for the champion who looked fast and had his usual punch. Mauro Vazquez, 128, stopped Kenny Davis, 124, in nine. Eloy Sanchez, 118, stopped Cheto Fernandez, 119, in two.

▶Chiouis Rosales, 115, decisioned Alejo Mejia, 118, in ten. Luis Trejo, 127, decisioned Tono Coria, 127, in eight. Bernardo de la Cruz, 117, decisioned Manuel Rojas, 118, in eight. Juan Ramirez, 126, stopped Chamaco Medina, 126, in four. Max Huerta, 118, stopped Pepe Acevedo, 113, in four.

▶Javier Garfias, 118, decisioned Rudy Corona, 118, in ten. Enrique Castillo, 130, decisioned Carlos Loyola, 139, in eight. Armando Palomares, 131, stopped Chucho Alvarado, 125, in seven. Juan Estrada, 141, stopped Elias Valencia, 143, in two. Juan Hernandez, 115, decisioned Tono Lira, 118, in four.

▶Hilario Morales, 128, stopped Sergio Gomez, 127, in six. Memo Baltazares, 129, decisioned Emilio Olivares, 129, in ten. Luis Estrada, 117, stopped Luis Aguilera, 118, in four. Domingo Chavez, 118, decisioned Sammy Garcia, 118, in six. Chucho Rico, 118, and Juanito Saldana, 118, drew in four.

▶Ray Ruiz, 112, decisioned Jose "Generalito" Galvan, 118, in ten. Sergio Contreras, 136, stopped Vaselinas Moreno, 133, in four. Monito Luna, 119, decisioned Tibico Torres, 118, in eight. Nacho Dominguez, 125, decisioned Hector Aceves, 125, in six. Gume Rodriguez, 125, decisioned Ricardo Dominguez, 125, in four.

▶Orlando Castillo (better known as Gallito del Rio), Cuba, 126, decisioned Jorge Manjarrez, 126, in ten. Indio Conde, 132, stopped Chino Gomez, 134, in six. Lalo Almazan, 134, decisioned Ruben Cadena, 135, in eight. Lazaro Labastida, 147, stopped Memo Napoles, 143, in one. Jose Alatorre, 116, decisioned Tono Lira, 117, in four.

▶Chilango Rosales, 147, decisioned Marcelo Vargas, 147, in ten. Luis "Ranchero" Ruiz, 138, decisioned Benny Rodriguez, 136, in eight. Cosme Maldonado, 133, stopped Arnulfo Ramirez, 132, in five. Eduardo Hernandez, 112, stopped Juan Ayala, 110, in two. Jesus Vargas, 125, stopped Juan Perez, 125, in one.

▶Victor Manuel Quijano, 129, national featherweight champion, stopped Tommy Tibbs, 131, in eight. Roberto Garcia, 132, stopped Noel Humphreys, 129, in two.

▶Miguel Lazu, Cuba, 117, stopped Joe Medel, 116, in four. Gabriel Navarro, 132, stopped Roberto Ortega, 133, in nine. Alberto Soto, 118, decisioned Tibico Torres, 117, in eight. Victor Adame, 126, decisioned Gallito Cervantes, 125, in six. Martin Padilla, 126, decisioned Chon Velazquez, 126, in four.

▶Hector Garcia, 126, decisioned Luis Gutierrez, 125, in ten. Pedro Rocha, 126, stopped Indio Ramos, 125, in seven. Heriberto Saucedo, 118, decisioned Alex Jimenez, 118, in eight. Kid Spejendroch, 135, drew with Roberto Gonzalez, 134, in six. Margarito Ibanez, 118, decisioned Margarito Sanchez, 118, in four.

▶Ernesto Figueroa, 127, decisioned Orlando Castillo (Gallito del Rio) 126, in ten. Javier Garfias, 117, decisioned Alejo Mejia, 118, in ten. Chucho Arriola, 118, decisioned Manuel Rojas, 118, in eight. Babe Zaragoza, 136, stopped Sergio Flores, 135, in two. Genaro Blanco, 114, stopped Jose Duran, 118, in two.

BOXING NOTES FROM BAJA CALIFORNIA
By Francisco B. Escalante

FILI NAVA, 128, FRESH FROM PUTTING ON A GALLANT stand with The Springfield Rifle, Davey Moore, came down to this dusty city and kayoed Kildo Martinez, 122, in the seventh heat. Martinez won the first four rounds but the much more experienced Nava, just bided his time and in the fifth had Martinez down twice. Nava took the sixth round handily and then in the seventh he again had Kildo down for an 8 count. Martinez got up, but a few seconds later he was left crossed to the canvas and the referee just didn't bother to count and it was a T.K.O. in seven.

The semi was also a 10 round affair. Ramon Antonio Rodriguez, nee Kid Rayo, 148, welterweight champion of Nicaragua, beat Francisco (Coca-Cola) Echeverria, 148, from Mexicali. The boy from Managua had too much on the ball and easily won. Echeverria was down in the fist and second rounds.

In the 6 round special, Hipolito Burciaga, 124, stopped Negro Garcia, 127, in the fourth. Julian Martinez, 128, kayoed Chuchu Garcia, 126, in the third.

Cuco Avalos, 113, lost to Pancho Espinoza, 113, in four rounds.

BORDER BOXING NEWS
By L. Borrado Sanchez

THE LOCAL PROSPECT, RUDY MARTINEZ, 135, TRAVELLED all the way to Musquiz to beat Fito Torres, 137, stopping him in seven rounds. Torres was dropped four times.

▶Piedras Negras—The first local show was presented in many months by promoter Ruperto Pedrosa. Carlos (Chamaco) Macias, 135, won over Monterrey's Paco Castro, 137, in ten. Macias scored two knockdowns and was floored once in a thrilling encounter.

Agapito (Chiv) Avila, 140, former Golden Gloves champ, stopped Joe Ramos, 139, in three rounds. Tony Larez, 139, decisioned Terry Lugo, 141, in six.

▶Monclova—Patito Alonzo, 128, Nueva Rosita, won over Johnny Jasso, 127, Monclova, in eight.

BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Edward Cimen Gonzales

VICTOR MANUEL QUIJANO, MEXICAN FEATHERWEIGHT champ, weighing 129, outclassed Tommy Tibbs, 132, of Boston, Mass., whom he stopped in the eighth round. Quijano was too smart for the American. The referee halted the contest. The fight was in old "El Toreo" Bull Ring located in Cuatro Caminos.

▶CHETUMAL, QRRO: Cubanito Gonzalez, 123, of Yucatan, outpointed Joe Celis, 132, after 8 rolls.

▶CHETUMAL, QRRO: Cubanito Gonzalez, 124, decisioned Luis Chaney, 134, in eight.

▶CAMPECHE, CAMP: Mike Hernandez, 128, of Yucatan, stopped Salvador Beberaje (Pantera de Champoton), 130, in 4 rounds.

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BOXING IN JUAREZ
By Manuel Prieto

PASO COLISEUM: — WITH THE FIGHT OF CARMEN BASILIO AND RAY ROBINSON in the screen, promoter Santos Quijano had a chance to break almost even in his show. No more than 2,200 paid customers were at the 6,500 capacity Coliseum.

In the "live" part of the card, Dave Cervantes, 146, Mexico City and now fighting out of Juarez, Mex., gave a terrific licking to Gilberto Holguin, 144½, El Paso, in ten rounds. Holguin was down in the first round and Dave gave him a boxing lesson the rest of the fight.

Jack Flores, 147, El Paso, won decision in four rounds over Pete Ruiz, 144, El Paso. Marcelino Vargas, 139, El Paso, won over Bobby Garcia, 139, El Paso, in four fast rounds.

▶JUAREZ BULL RING: Promoter Pancho Montes put on a good show, the best local talent in a three eight round bouts. Babe Navarro, 125, Zacatecas, a newcomer in this area, scored a good upset winning decision over Rogelio Diaz de Leon (Ray de Leon), 124, San Luis Potosi, in a very good scrap, 8 rounds.

Roberto "Perro" Hernandez, 124, Chihuahua City, won by T.K.O. over promising Andy Hernandez, 123, El Paso, in the fifth round. Andy was floored in the fourth, the doctor stopped the fight in the corner.

Luis Sanchez, 126½, Chihuahua City, looked very promising and impressive, stopping Daniel Olivares, 128¾, Juarez, in the fifth round. Sanchez superior boxing and terrific punch put the boy in command since the first round, the end came in the fifth with a terrific right hand smash.

Juan Valles, 136½, Juarez, add Pedro Perez, 140, Juarez, to his list. Valles won by K.O. in the third.

Carlos Ayala, 128, Mexico City, won by K.O. in the first round over veteran Salvador Fierro, 130, Juarez.

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCES
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

ARENA OLIMPICA, GOMEZ PALACIO:— Gregorio "Goyo" Flores, 115, La Laguna flyweight champ, was too much fighter for Sandy Nava, 113, and he kayoed the boy in only two rounds after floored him three times. Sad Negro Calvera, 131, cut to pieces Manuel "Chamaco" Castro, 133, in three rounds. Chamaco visited the canvas four times before the referee stopped the massacre. Ubaldo Lopez, 130, and Feliciano "Chano" Barrientos, 129, drew after 8 furious round. Vicente Flores, 123, also drew with Juan Jimenez, 123, in six. Teo Gonzalez, 129, bested Miguel Flores, 128, in 4.

▶ARENA OLIMPICA, Gomez Palacio:— Jesse Bogart (Jesus Rangel), 148, easily whipped Manuel "The Bull" Rocha, 147, in ten rough rounds. Newcomer Facundo Martinez, 124, halted Beto Viesca, 123, in the sixth. Raul Olmos, 119, a real prospect, outscored Rafael Hernandez, 119, a southpaw boy from Monterrey, in eight rounds. Gustavo Ohm, 123, kid brother of German Ohm, iced Vicente Flores, 127, in the very first round. Julian Saucedo, 120, decisioned Juan Sandoval, 119, in the 4-round preliminar.

▶ARENA OLIMPICA, Gomez Palacio:— Promoter Manuel "The Bear" Mateos matched Negro Calvera against hard hitter Rodolfo "Chivo" Diaz. The result? Chivo iced his foe in two rounds after flooring him 5 times! The weights: Calvera, 132 and Diaz, 137.

Octavio Salas, 141, landed a terrific left hook into Pancho Lopez, 147, midsection to knock out the man in the second round. Libe Zavala, 132, decisioned Pedro Rodriguez, 128, in eight. Raul Mares, 119, got a 6-round draw with Martin Varela, 117. Jose de Leon, 132, iced Tony "Kid" Muniz, 128, in two rounds.

▶ARENA OLIMPICA, Gomez Palacio:— Here comes The Champ! Alfonso Flores, 156, National middleweight king, outclassed, outpunched and outscored Jesse Bogart, 150, in ten rounds.

Claudio Adame, 127, embalmed Memo Ruiz, 128, in two rounds. Gustavo Ohm, 124, looking great, nailed Juan Arellano, 122, in 7 rounds. Luis Gonzalez, 112, outscored Oscar Salazar, 115, in six. Tony Martinez, 139, put Jose de Leon, 134, to sleep in the first round.

▶JUCHITAN:—Huracan Sibaja, 130, got the 10-round duke over gallant Eduardo "Cachorro" Meza, 128.

▶MATIAS ROMERO:—Moy Taylor, 125, bolted Fili Santiago, 120, in the eighth. Ramon Delgado, 133, iced Kid Koreano, 135, in the very first round.

▶DURANGO:—Cain Rogero, 124, surprised Scorpionland fans by kayoing tough veteran Jorge Valverde, 119, in only four rounds. Federico "Chino" Gonzalez, 133, defeated Javier Valenzuela, 144, in the 10-round semi. Kid Caledonia (Gerardo Reyes), 137, KO'd Juan Alonso, 135, in two. Enrique "Rinon" Espinosa, 125, halted Gustavo Ohm, 124, in four. Here you have a real nickname: "Rinon" means kidney in English!

▶GUADALAJARA:—Joe Becerra, 118, floored Dwight Hawkins, 123, four times and he finally put him to sleep in the ninth round. Last year, Hawkins knocked out Becerra in Los Angeles. 14,000 fans packed the "El Progreso" Bullfight Ring to see Joe's big revenge. In the scheduled 10-round semi, Torito Mota, 117, nailed Monito Hernandez, 115, in five.

▶ACAPULCO:—Angel Guerrero, 127, scored a very valuable triumph when he kayoed Amercio Rivera, 129, in nine.

▶MONTERREY:—Paul Jorgenson, 130, Port Arthur, Texas, easily handled veteran Ray Portilla, 135, Houston, in ten rounds.

▶FRESNILLO:—Cuevas II, 189, sent little boy Victor Torres, 170, to the Kayo Paradise in nine rounds. Victor outboxed his gigantic foe while standing up . . . but when Cuevas got him with his right, the curtain dropped down for keeps. Jose Garcia, 148, nailed Fillo Guerrero, 147, in seven.

▶TAPACHULA:—Ernesto Figueroa, 126, The Big Chief of Balmis, put Cuban Gilberto Mullens, 130, to sleep in six rounds.

▶TAPACHULA:—Jose Luis Mora, 119, halted Raton Vargas, 118, in seven rounds.

▶DURANGO:—Claudio Adame, 125, smashed Leopardo Solis, 128, in four rounds. Lupe Garcia, 133, got the duke over Vicente Ramirez, 130, in ten. Pablo Barrios, 117, iced Pecas Espinosa, 118, in the third. Enrique "Rinon" Espinosa, 130, bested Libe Zavala, 133, in six rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:—Genaro Serafin, 127, won by a technical decision over Luis Trejo, 126, in the eighth round of their scheduled tener. Trejo hurt Genaro's cheek-bone with a butt. Martin Ortiz, 116, decisioned Moises "Toro" Padilla, 115, in 8 rounds.

▶URUAPAN:—Hector "Shorty" Agundez, 120, stopped Martin Gonzalez, 122, in the sixth.

▶GUADALAJARA: — Ricardo Manzanillo Jr., 125, halted Zurdo Espinosa, 124, in the fifth.

▶REYNOSA:—Geno Tovar, 118, decisioned Beto Viesca, 119, in ten. Chaparro DeLeon, 117, nailed Enrique Cazares, 119, in four rolls.

▶MONTERREY:—Angel Guerrero, 131, the husky mulatto from Acapulco, bested Fidel Lucero, 129, in ten. Francisco Valdez, 121, decisioned Panchito Villa II, 123, also in a tenner.

▶ACAPULCO:—Manuel Rodriguez, 121, won by disqualification over Guillermo Gonzalez, 119, in the third round. A butt was the cause.

▶DURANGO:—Ricardo Manzanillo Jr., 126, stopped Kid Manolo Luna, 129, in four. It was a very good triumph for famous Ricardo Manzanillo's son. Cain Rogero, 127, Durango newcomer, bested veteran Babe Luna (Juan Manuel Luna), 125, in ten rounds. Kid Caledonia (Gerardo Reyes), 145, iced Kid Alacran, 147, in the third. Gustavo Ohm, 127, nailed Sergio Salinas, 125, in only two rounds.

▶TAPACHULA: — Hilario Morales, 128, bested Gilberto Mullens, 130, Cuban fighter, in ten rounds.

▶JUCHITAN:—Chucho Hernandez, 118, stopped Kid Lunarcito, 119, in eight rounds. Here you have another "real" nickname: "Lunarcito" means little-mole in English. Oh boy!

▶MONTERREY:—Silvestre Villarreal, 133, bolted Julio Gallegos, 135, in two rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:—What is the matter with Acapulco's boxing? During the month, three bouts were ended by suspension due to butts. Now, Ramon "Bobby" Cervantes, 125, won by a 8-round disqualification over Ramon Gonzalez, 126, also for butt received. Memo Napoles, 145, kayoed Jose Hernandez, 144, in the first round.

▶FRESNILLO:—Salvador Vera, 136, outpointed Apolinar Huerta, 140, in ten rough rounds.

▶OBREGON:—Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 117, the little globetrotter, got a split duke over favorite Rudy Corona, 119, in ten rounds. Tony Lopez Smith, 130, stopped Jorge Chavez, 133, in four.

SONORA BOXING
By E. Campillo

Welterweight Arnoldo Gil kayoed Tony Romulo in the third round of a fast fight. Chamaco Guzman outpointed Manny Lynson in the eighth round. They are feathers.

Camilo Flores and Tony Salcedo drew in a six round welterweight go. Teo Lopez kayoed Gus Quintero in the first round of a bantamweight contest. Gallo Mercado, bantamweight, decisioned Guaymas Kid Joe in a four rounder.

▶In a thrilling fight, Pinky Peralta decisioned Leo Corrales. Ray Contreras kayoed Tony Garcia in four. They are lightweights.

Willie Black (Baby Canelo but not Babe Canelo from Monterrey) stopped Kid Cananea in the sixth of feather bout. Gallo Mercado scored a fine kayo win over Lino Remolino in third round. They are bantams.

Javier Villalobos kayoed Chamaco Hernandez in first of bantamweight fight.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA
By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Pprzio

BUENOS AIRES.—In the Argentinos Juniors ring and in the feather division, Dante Molina stopped Andres Caceres in four; Luis Manenti drew in 10 with lightweight Horacio Salvareza.

▶**BUENOS AIRES.**—Featherweight Terencio Gutierrez won on points in 10 rounds over Cesar Vega at the San Loremzo de Almagro ring.

▶**MENDOZA.**—The "challenger" of the feather division Raul Vargas, drew with Jose Casas. The verdict was not unanimous, for it was a close fight.

▶**MAR DEL PLATA.**—Ubaldo Sacco, a good prospect in the middle division, won a 10 round decision over Bernardo Romero in the "Bristol" stadium.

▶**BUENOS AIRES.**—A new prospect in the light division, Vicente Derado, drew in 10 rounds with the undefeated Miguel Angel Pendola at Argentinos Juniors stadium.

▶**BUENOS AIRES.**—The challenger in the bantam division, Carlos Miranda, won the decision in 10 over Urbieta Sosa at San Lorenzo de Almagro Stadium.

▶**ROSARIO.**—In the ring of "Norte" Stadium, Miguel Aguero won a 10 rounder over the undefeated Roberto Sabra.

▶**QUILMES.**—The undefeated lightweight Perdo Benelli kayoed Victor Cejas in one.

▶**BUENOS AIRES.**—Manolo Garcia, Spanish Feather champion, won the decision in 10 rounds over the Argentine and South American champion Ricardo Gonzales.

▶**BUENOS AIRES.**—In the ring of Luna Park, undefeated lightweight Osvaldo Canete won the decision in 10 over Juan Campos. The verdict was not unanimous. Receipts: $99,984.

▶**ROSARIO**—A new champion of this city in the lightheavy weight division is Nelson Poccione. Poccione kayoed Alberrto Benassi in three.

▶**MENDOZA.**—The Argentine lightweight champion Jaime Gine stopped Leandro Ahumada in seven rounds. Receipts $49,500.

▶**BUENOS AIRES.**—Osvaldo Amburi, lightweight, stopped Miguel Soto in six; Alberto Jabid, welterweight, drew with Alberto Billaflor and undefeated flyweight, Salustiano Suarez, stopped Juan C. Acebal in eight.

▶**TUCUMAN.** — Undefeated welterweight Ramon Paz kayoed Miguel Salteno in three.

▶**BUENOS AIRES.**—At Luna Park, Andres Selpa won the decision over Gailean Humberto Loayza in 15 rounds, a bout for the South American title, Loayza was dropped in the third. Good receipts: $348,356.

▶**BUENOS AIRES.**—A good feather prospect Juan Ramallo won the decision over Amorimdo Amicuzzi in a hard fight.

▶**MENDOZA.**—Twice Olympic representive (London and Helsinki) and Argintine heavy champion, Rinaldo Ansaloni, kayoed Roberto Aguero in three.

▶**CORDOBA.**—In the ring of "Cordoba Sport Club" the good prospect in the "welter" division Jorge J. Fernandez stopped Federico Guerra in four.

▶**TUCUMAN.**—Undefeated welterweight Ramon Paz, kayoed Luis Salinas in the second.

▶**LA PLATA.**—Ex-feather Argentine champion Manuel Alvarez won in 10 rounds over Gregorio Oliva on the "Atenas Club" ring.

▶**MENDOZA.**—In a return match, Raul Vargas won the decision in 10 over Jose Casas.

▶**QUILMES.** — The Argentine-Panamenian welter weight Frederick Thompson stopped Oscar Paez in eight.

▶**ROSARIO.**—At "Norte" Stadium, the hard fighter Pedro Miranda won 10 rounds on points, Juan Carlos Ayala.

▶**BUENOS AIRES.**—At Luna Park, Jaime Gine and Nestor Savino fought for the lightweight title of Argentina. The champion, Jaime Gine, won the decision in 15 rounds in a good fight.—Good attendance: 23,000 persons and a good receipt: $463.652.

▶**MORON.**—The world fly champion Pascual Perez kayoed Ricardo Valdez, in eight.

▶**CORDOBA.**—The bantam champion of Argentina Roberto Castro, won on points in 10 rounds over the undefeated featherweight Nildo Peralta.

▶**BUENOS AIRES.**—At Argentinos Juniors, the middleweight Esteban Caprani won in 10 rounds Jose Mercurio; welter Silvio Frias stopped Enrique Dovidenko in eight and light prospect Vicente Derado stopped Luis Leccese in nine.

▶**QUILMES.**—The good prospect in the middle division, undefeated Victor Zalazar kayoed over Roberto Gallardo in two.

▶**ROSARIO.**—Lightweight Carlos Quintana won the decision in 10 over Victor Cejas.

▶**BUENOS AIRES.**—At Luna Park, Victor Zalazar kayoed Juan Carlos Navarro in second round, and Miguel Aguero kayoed Carlos Fachado in the welter division.

▶**LA PLATA.**—The Argentine and South American welter champion Martiniano Pereyra, kayoed Arturo Gonzalez in five.

▶**QUILMES.**—In the welter division, Adalberto Ochoa won in 10 rounds over Alberto Billaflor.

▶**PERGAMINO.**—In "Provincial" Stadium, Victorio Cejas in the light division lost the decision in 10 to Osvaldo Amburi.

▶**BUENOS AIRES.**—Miguel Angel Pendola lost his first fight in bout with Fred Galiana of Spain, in a hard fight at the Luna Park ring in 10 round decision.

NEWS FROM CUBA
By Jorge Vieties

HAVANA: CUBA'S LIGHT-HEAVY CHAMP, JULIO CARRERAS, 160½, won a close bloody tenner from newcomer Paul Diaz, 158½.

Bernardo Parets, 146, won in 10 from Tony Armenteros, 145¼. Diogenes Sagarra, 140, won in 10 from Wilfredo Hurst, 139. Felix Zaldivar, 130, stopped Cloroaldo Hernandez, 131¼, in 3. Julian Yanes, 146, won in four from Rene Casanovas, 143½.

▶Havana: 34-years old Ciro Morasen, who held Cuba's featherweight title for 10 years, (14 years in the ring), and who for more than seven was rated among the ten best, defended his title again, against Martin Rodriguez (whom he defeated last year), but father time caught up with him and Rodriguez, 125¾, stopped the glorious veteran in the second of a scheduled 12 rounder. Morasen came in at 126 pounds, and announced his retirement immediately after the k.o. The fight drew close to $6,000.

Kid Fichique, 146½, came up from the floor in the third, and finally stopped Baby Colon, 151½, in the six after dropping him three times. Johnny Sarduy, 119, won a rough eighter from Victor Recio, 119. Doug Vaillant, 127½, won in 6 from Cristobal Gonzales, 125¾. Ray Gonzales, 150¾, lost a four rounder to Sandy Puentes, 156¾.

▶Havana: Cuban middleweight champion Baby Linares, 159, lost a non-titular ten rounder to Guillermo Diaz, 156¾.

Willy Gonzalez, 128½, won in 8 from Bayoya Garcia, 127½. Enrique Casanovas, 119½, stopped Jose Xiala, 118, in 2. Juan Campoy, 148½, won in 4 from Antonio Salas, 148,, and Luis Regueiras, 112½, won in 4 from Esteban Sanchez, 112.

▶Havana: Luis M. Rodriguez, 146½, stopped Rolando (La Plancha) Rodriguez, 146¾, in 4.

Felix Gutierrez, 120½, upset Huesito Gonzalez, 119½, in 10. Chico Morales, 134¾, won from Jose Blanco, 131, in 8. Isaac Espinosa, 131½, stopped Pablo Torres in 1. Tranquilino Martyinez, 127, won in 4 from Roberto Torres, 126.

ARUBA, N. W. I. RING NEWS
By Jimmy Lambert

ALTHOUGH MANY LOCAL FIGHT FANS EXPECTED SUGAR BOY NANDO, 159, Aruba, to defeat experienced Sammy Walker, 153½, Springfield, Mass., in the main 10-round event at Swingsters Square Garden, they were amazed in the manner whereby Nando swarmed all over the much more experienced Walker until the bout was stopped by TKO in the 7th round in favor of Nando.

The scheduled 8-round semi-final ended suddenly when Kid Zorro, 139, Curacao, quit suddenly against the onslaught of Efi Croes, 137, Aruba, in the third round.

Kid Zorzal, 147, Aruba, fought in spurts to easily win a 6-round decision over El Negrito del Batey, 142, Aruba. Johnny Gumbs, 133, Aruba, had too much power in stopping Kid Alfonso, 126, Aruba, in the 1st round.

MICKEY CRAWFORD

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be privileged to view the Mick's work, his talent would amaze you. So strikingly good are his artistic efforts that they've been exhibited. Former welter and middleweight champ Mickey Walker, now one of our foremost artists, had a few of his own paintings at the same exhibition.

"If I can but attain half the ring fame that was Walker's," sighs Crawford, *"and part of his talent as an artist, I'd be satisfied."*

The old Toy Bulldog predicts that the Saginaw Socker's fistic skill will serve him well in the roped square. "And", adds Walker, "the kid sure enough shines as an artist. I believe he can become a great painter."

The Mick, whose right name is Harwood Grant Crawford, paints in watercolor. Bird-life is his favorite subject. He does considerable art work for his manager's firm—for pay. Crawford is easy to talk with; conversation flows smoothly from him. He discusses art and fisticuffing with equal interest or enthusiasm—according to his mood, though he is unaddicted to moods.

"My father, who is 53, and my mother, 50," informs the Mick—as he likes to be called—*"have been married 29 years and are still on their honeymoon. Incidently, my mother's maiden name is Matilda Vasko and she is Hungarian. But my father is Irish, so I'm a Mick."*

He does roadwork early each morning at Belle Isle.

His trainers are Theodore McWarther, Lou Gross and Angelo Dundee.

He once worked as a salesman at McGee Sporting Goods store.

Rock and Roll is his favorite music and his choice foods are steak and green salads.

"My favorite ringman," declares the Mick, *"is Willie Pep. I've never seen a more skillful boxer than Willie. Even today he's still great, a delight to watch in action."*

He lives with his parents and likes to travel, using his own car.

"My favorite sport, aside from boxing, is fishing and hunting," says Crawford. *"I was only 14 when I shot my first deer."*

There you have a fairly complete story of Mickey Crawford.

SHORT-TERM CHAMPS

(*Continued from page 21*)

Finding it difficult to continue making the welterweight limit, Sullivan relinquished the title a few months later and moved up to the middleweight division.

It was eight years of confusion before the welterweights produced their next undisputed champion. In that span, a dozen or more claimants billed themselves as champion. Among them were Jimmy Gardner, Ray Bronson, Jimmy Clabby, Clarence (Kid) Ferns, Mike Gibbons, Johnny (Kid) Alberts, Kid Graves, Mike Glover, Willie Ritchie, Ted (Kid) Lewis and Jack Britton.

The scramble eventually settled down to the Lewis-Britton feud. Ted established a strong right to the title by outpointing Britton in Boston in 1915. For the next six years the championship bounced back and forth between the rivals, with Britton the eventual winner in the most durable title series boxing has produced. Altogether there were twenty meetings—about half of them for the championship—and the marathon dual ended early in 1921 when Britton was a decisive winner over Lewis in old Madison Square Garden.

A year and a half later an aging Britton lost the title to Mickey Walker in the Garden. Walker was champion until 1926 when he was outpointed by Pete Latzo in Scranton.

Since then the welterweight laurels have moved along in bewildering rapidity. In thirty-two years the championship has shifted no less than twenty-four times—and it probably would have had another owner or two if it hadn't been "frozen" for four years during Freddie (Red) Cochrane's service in the Navy during World War II.

Several of the champions (Jackie Fields, Young Jack Thompson, Jimmy McLarnin, Barney Ross, Johnny Saxton and Carmen Basilio) did double service as rulers of the 147-pound roost.

It was last September that Basilio relinquished the welterweight title after winning the middleweight championship.

Within the next month or two the 147-pounders will have a new boss, Akins or Martinez. How long he'll be around remains to be seen. Welterweight champions don't seem to linger very long.

TV & BOXING

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hoots and whistles from the crowds. The sound was raspy early in the fight and most of the introductions and Phil Regan's rendition of the national anthem was either impossible to see at all or suffering from the great white bleach.

Once the fight got under way, the screen cleared up some. Ed Clifton, a Radio Corporation of America engineer who was at the controls of the Century's projection outfit, said he thought the trouble was "with the cameras in Chicago." He got the maximum out of the pictures he had to work with and they got progressively more adequate as the fight wore on. There were 2,680 at the Century (30 less than capacity) and 3,150 at the Buffalo.

In northern California an estimated 58,000 saw the fight, with prices ranging from $3.50 to $7.50. At the Cow Palace, San Francisco, 6,323 viewed the bout and paid $25,036. The gross take for northern California was estimated at $150,000. The Claremont Hotel in Oakland was the one charging $7.50, but $2 of that went to charity.

At the Warner's Downtown Theater in Los Angeles, it was reported the picture came in loud, true and clear. San Diego had a crowd of 3,500.

The telecast to the Sacramento High School Pavilion saw a gross of around 14,000. The action was fuzzy at times and there was not enough light on the screen. The voice of the announcer was drowned out by the noise of the customers.

The parking problem near the gym was a major one and the customers got in their road work before and after the bout. Cars were parked more than a mile in all directions.

In Columbus, Ohio, the Palace Theater sold out early and held the largest ever crowd for a televised fight. The picture was very foggy, it was reported.

A capacity crowd of 3,315 jammed the Loew's State in New York to see TelePrompTer's version of the world middleweight title bout. Except for some dark shots at the start of each round, there were no problems, mechanically.

The crowd started to line up outside the State around 7 P.M. and when the doors were opened 45 minutes later, the line stretched down 45th Street, almost to Sixth Avenue. There were no tickets sold at the door—the theater was sold out.

The Valencia, in Jamaica, L. I., another of the 20 theaters in Metropolitan New York which screened the fight, was sold out at 7:45 P.M. The twenty outlets totaled 55,600 with gross receipts of $250,000, 80 per cent of capacity.

At the Westchester County Center, White Plains, N. Y., a crowd of 3,750 saw the fight, some of them shunted over from the Yonkers shopping center site which was knocked out due to the bad weather.

Over at Toots Shor's famous establishment in New York, celebrities paid $50 to see the fight, with the proceeds going to charity. The affair was staged in the second floor room and was limited to 300.

To our mind the most important feature of the promotion was the live supporting bouts which were put on in many arenas. Norman Rothschild, who reported 5,880 paying $29,491 in Rochester and 6,937 paying $37,235, both with live undercards, predicts: "Next time you'll see it all over the country."

GERMAN BOXING DIARY
By J. A. Tree

HAMBURG: — HANSWERNER "BUTJJE" WOHLERS, THE 25 YEAR old blond German, put Johnny Read (Norwood) to the canvas six times during their ten rounder here at the Ernst Merck Halle but had to be content with a points victory. Read was on the canvas from rights hooks but each time he got up to fight back strongly.

Ex European amateur champion and the 1956 Olympic Silver medal winner, Harry Kurschat (Berlin) having his third fight in the paid ranks, remained undefeated stopping lightweight, Tony van Eijk (Holland) in four rounds.

Middleweight Helmut Mistol (Hamburg) made his score 18 without a defeat outpointing the 26 year old Frenchman, Francois Leoreurer over eight rounds.

German lightweight champion, Manfred Neuke (Delmenhorst) who has lost one of his 17 outings, scored again stopping the Belgium, Rudolf Christaens in five rounds.

Albert Westphal (Hamburg) heavyweight challenger, won points over Erwin Hack (Hamburg 8 rounds).

▶**Munich—Promoter Willi Knorzer**—Middleweight Peter Mueller (Cologne) won on points in 10 over Mena Lopez (Spain). Conny Rudhof (Munich) lightweight, won on points in 6 over Jose Cadalso (Spain). Middleweight Max Heinze (Berlin) drew in 6 with Vincence Serra (Spain). Heavyweight Bobby Warmbrunn (Munich) lost by a T.K.O. in 7 rounds to Uli Ritter (Dortmund). Lightweight Rudi Langer (Berlin) having his 100th fight, won on points over ten rounds against Giovanni Paine (Italy). Max Schmeling was the referee. Joey Maxim was at the ringside. Lightweight Herbert Schilling (Frankfort) won on points in 6 over Murgui (Spain).

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

ROCKY KALINGO, 143, WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION of the Philippines, needed all ten rounds to beat Timmie Jefferson, 142½, of Los Angeles in their fight at the Honolulu Stadium. Expected to win easily, and possibly by a kayo, Kalingo ran into trouble in the middle of the second round and nearly got kayoed himself. He was floored for an eight count and was floundering around the ring for the remainder of the round. Instead of forcing the fight, he played it safe and let Kalingo get off the hook. In fact, Jefferson played it so safe that he was never in the fight hereafter.

By coming back from the knockdown and carrying the fight to his opponent, Kalingo won a fair unanimous decision. 2,159 fans turned out for the fight, which was promoted by Bill Pacheco, and shelled out $4,514.50.

Dan Santiago, 138, outpointed Larry Cantiberros, 135½, in the six-round semi-final. Frank Mehio, 119, TKO'ed Walter Kinoshita, 120, in the second. Randy Kim Seu, 136, beat Pio Kaalekahi, 134, 4 rounds. Wilfred Tisalona, 134, drew with Walter Vares, 134¾, 4 rounds.

▶Local lightweight Aladino Gusman, 135¾, scored a TKO win over Yukata Saikawa, 137, of Japan in the sixth of a scheduled ten round fight at the Civic Auditorium on March 25, 1958. A bleeding cut on Saikawa's left eyelid prompted Referee Walter Cho to stop the fight. The fight was just about even after five rounds of furious milling. Saikawa suffered his injury in the fourth round.

Promoted by the Boxing Enterprises, Ltd., the fight drew 1,129 fans and grossed $1,847.50.

Floyd Gatiuan, 123, defeated Lionel Rivera, 123, 6 rounds. Harold Mara, 132½, knocked out Yoichi Suzuki, 134¼, in the first. Walter Vares, 133½, TKO'ed Wilfred Tisalona, 135, in the third. Daniel Melendez, 134¾, beat Billy Nap, 138½, 4 rounds.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

DEMMY URSUA, 116 KNOCKED OUT MASAKASU OTSUKA, 117, OF JAPAN in second round at the coliseum. The Japanese, who had all the advantages in height, reach and weight proved too clumsy for the heavy slugging Filipino. Otsuka was downed in the first round with a left to the chin and received an 8 count. In the second round he was downed 3 times with two lefts and a right to the chin. The referee wasted no time to count as he could up to a hundred.

Leo Zulueta, 110, proved to be the boxing master of Keizo Kamie, 112, of Japan, in 10 rounds. It was one-sided match through the night. Viva Zapata, 115, made a boxing fool out of Baby Ross, 114, in 6 rounds. Kid Lawin, 119, and Baby Carlos, 120, drew in 6. Al Cantara, 123, bested Sugar Menny, 124, in 4. Nestor Checa, 112, bested Raytranco Kid, 108, in 4. James Verde, 109, drew with Baby Guevarra, 105, in the curtain raiser.

▶Viv Siminiano, 101, outpointed Ray Martin, 102, in 8 rounds in Urdaneta, Pangasinan. Fighting Ubaldo, 132, kayoed Asingan Boy, 138, in 2. Baby Moro, 107, bested Smart Francing, 110, in 6. Larry Bautista, 120, decisioned Star Quinto, 123, in 4. Flash Eddie, 108, halted Freddie Amor, 109, in 4.

▶Viva Zapata, 110, drew with Baby Ross, 113, in Taytay, Rizal. Ernie Paredes, 117, bested San Juan Boy, 118, in 8. Steve Granada, 124, halted Fighting Toro, 128, in 3. Joe Cortes, 112, drew with Bonnie Hernandez, 114, in 4.

▶Manuel Armenteros, 125, of Cuba, drew with Ernie Masangkay, 125, in 8 rounds. The crowd booed the decision. Only two rounds were copped by the Cuban. Cagayan Boy, 120, won over Baby Rosenberg, 120, in 6 rounds. Primo Pamiro, 107, outpointed Baby Hernandez, 107, in 6. Leo Gutier, 120, drew with Star Dumaguete, 119, in 4.

▶Golden Boy, 114, defeated Leon Silos, 113, in 10 rounds in Urdaneta, Pangasinan. Fighting Ubaldo, 133, halted Rocky Rosales, 130, in 4. Abe Mendoza, 111, kayoed Baby Esjo, 108, in 3. Freddie Amor, 108, kayoed Bac Mar, 105, in 1.

▶Javellana Kid, 135, drew with Wonnie Rebolado, 136, in 10 rounds in Grace Park Calovcan, Rizal. It was a slugging match from the very start until the last bell. Gene Aragon, 121, drew with Bert Gonzales, 118, in 10 round supporting main event. Little Brown, 108, decisioned Berting Alvarez, 114, in 8. Marcing David, 119, badly outpointed Tiger Willie, 121, in 8. Roberto Cruz, 120, halted Peping Cortez, 120, in 3. Strong Canon, 125, drew with Nick Johnson, 126, in 6. Ray Martin, 108, drew with Baby Moro, 110, in 4. Rush Ortega, 119, licked Frank Pelino, 119, in 4.

▶Young Liberty, 128, won over Puyas Boy, 126, in 8 rounds in Tarlac, Tarlac. Primo Corpuz, 126, kayoed Johnny Mortell, 125, in 3. Roy Yalung, 114, outpointed Paul Sebastian, 113, in 6. Makati Kid, 114, halted Mar Flores, 114, in 3. Visayan Kid, 105, kayoed Larry Narroga, 108, in 2.

▶Rocky Moises, 126, bested Al Manalang, 131, in 8 rounds in Lucena, Quezon province. Rush Benny, 120, outpointed Emil de Leon, 120, in 8. Kid Fuentes, 120, decisioned Raytranca Kid, 108, in 6. Annie Replan, 128, bested Abe Lerena, 130, in 6.

▶Young Bonnie, 110, kayoed Nestor Roy Sison, 105, in 6 rounds in Binangonan, Rizal. Little Wolgast, 111, outpointed Jose Fino, 114, in 6. Ray Martin, 110, drew with Max Aguilar, 115, in 6. Baby Moro, 110, bested Smart Aragones, 114, in 4.

▶P. de Marco, 120, bested Flash Sabando, 120, in 8 rounds in Roxas, Isabela. Boy Arturo, 115, kayoed Leo Enoveso, 110, in 2. Flash Jessie, 125, kayoed Cruz Junior, 128, in 2. Speedy Ramos, 120, halted Fighting Lacerna, 113, in 2.

▶Speedy Orland, 123, won over Paul Pascua, 119, in 8 in Santiago, Isabela. Ely Relucio, 115, bested Dommy Perez, 112, in 8. Tenejeros Kid, 122, defeated Rose Tattoo, 120, in 6. Vic Carriaga, 115, won over Ray Mendze, 116, in 4.

▶Kid Balones, 116, kayoed Viva Alba, 118, in 3, in Calamba, Laguna. X Seven, 120, kayoed Ric Santiago, 122, in 6.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

MARCH was certainly a merry month for pugilists with activity in most parts of the circuit. Biggest event was no doubt the Humez-Scholz collision, which drew nation-wide attention both sides of the Rhine. The return bout should be a humdinger. There was a slight reshuffle in the cruiser line-up, since Hecht's poor showing against Cherville has temporarily removed him from the running. He came in as a heavyweight and will be so classed until further notice. Newcomer to this division is Ballarin, the French middles star, who comes in at tenth slot until he has been tested against heavier opposition. Hans Kalbfell cedes pride of place to Neuhaus, whom he has defeated. Apart from that setback, Neuhaus has a far better international record than the present German champion. Chris Christensen, the Fighting Dane, re-appears after a long absence from these ratings, owing to his increasingly good performances while Franz Szuzina, Galiana and Garcia hold their positions by merit of wins in Transatlantic rings. Andre Drille has surrendered his French middles title. Fernand Nollet made an excellent impression on British TV viewers by his dashing battle against Willie Toweel, although pipped by a close margin.

▶ **Paris.** There was a packed house at the Palais des Sports when Charles Humez at last met the menace from Germany, Gustav Scholz, in a non-title affair over ten rounds. Conflicting promotional interests have kept these two middleweight stars apart for several years and in the event it was apparent that they are very closely matched. Scholz was obliged to sweat off a surplus half-pound at the weigh-in, which did not prevent him opening the fight with a victorious first round. Very relaxed, he gained an early advantage but Humez shook the Berliner out of his composure with a sudden right hook which decked Scholz for "9". The bell rescued Gus the Great from further commitments and in the third he kept on even footing with Humez. The fourth and fifth sessions saw Scholz in control and the European champion was temporarily outboxed. In the sixth Scholz handed out a savage hammering and belted the Frenchman's mouthpiece out with a terrific uppercut.

Humez began the seventh round well behind on points and he paced round the cool Teuton desperately seeking an opening. With the speed of a panther, the Frenchman leapt in and tagged Scholz with a series of hooks to the mid-section which dropped the visitor for a count of "7". Gus had some difficulty in holding off the rampaging Humez until the bell sounded but he had fully recovered in the eighth and gained a slight edge in this and in the next round, during which Humez again lost his gumshield. The last round was fairly even but it was Humez who did the forcing and thus obtained a narrow advantage. It was an extremely close fight and the verdict, which went to Humez, had a very mixed reception. Scholz had previously gone 68 bouts without a defeat but the Teuton does well to lose such a record, which is liable to hamper rather than help. He remains outstanding challenger for Humez's title and a return bout, for the title, will no doubt take place in Germany.

Eugene Le Cozanet retained his bantam title by trouncing Abdelkader Azzouz in a whirling fifteen-rounder which was at times rather confused. Dieter Wemhoner, German cruiser, failed to impress against rugged, red-haired Ilde Warusfel and won without inspiration or perspiration over eight rounds while Jo Ventaja won over Ray Paini in a lightie eight. Jean-Pierre Pommier got the better of Armand Meyer in a welter four.

▶ **Barcelona,** Spain. Despite his 31 years, Tuzo Portugez of Costa Rica is still too hardy a foe for the current Spanish line-up and at the Gran Price he scored his second quick win by halting Victoriano Olivares in the sixth heat of a middles clash. Frank Garcia continued his run of wins by licking Jaime Serrano in a lightie eight and Zaera stopped Gago in the second frame of a flyweight slam.

▶ In **Madrid,** promising Garcia Hidalgo stopped Ricardo Escude in the third round of a cruiser encounter.

▶ **San Sebastian,** Spain. Bobby Ros retained his national lightweight title here against the local hopeful, Jose Manrique, who took the early rounds and seemed a likely winner. But Ros came back and outmarshalled the weary challenger to win over twelve rounds.

▶ In **Barcelona,** southpaw Antonio Rius licked Rafael Lahoz in a lightie eight and at the same weight, Angel Arias bested Emilio Ruiz Amatria.

▶ **Karlsruhe,** Germany. A 4,000 crowd watched Peter Muller return to action here against the dour Spanish middles champ, Manolo Correa. Both fighters put up a great show of vitality and the drawn decision appeared to favor Correa. Ulli Ritter, 202, tried hard to flatten the Belgian Balloon, Robert Eugene, 222, but wily Robert knew too many tricks and lasted the eight rounds to lose on points. Tommy Baars, 151, was too clever for Max Heinze, 159, but the latter's strength and energy earned him a draw over six rounds while in a cruiser six, Toni Gruber had a job to beat Gunter Huber. Conny Rudhoff knocked out Henri van Parys in the opening round of a lightweight affair.

▶ **Milan,** Italy. Wallace Bud Smith proved to be a shadow of his former self when he debuted at the Sports Palace against mighty Duilio Loi. Loi played with Smith and hit him at will until the ref finally stopped the comedy in the tenth round after Wallace had suffered numerous knockdowns. The same picture was presented by Jay Anderson, who was hopelessly outscored by Italo Scortichini in a middleweight ten. Santo Amonti, the Bull of Brescia, couldn't bulldoze Rene Kaczkowsky, the sturdy Franco-Pole cruiser, and had perforce to content himself with a points win over eight heats while Tore Burruni licked Giacomo Spano in a flyweight eight. Mancini trimmed Grilli in a welter six. Twelve thousand fans attended the show.

▶ **Ghent,** Belgium. Bob Stevens resumed his winning ways when he outpointed the Spanish middle, Domingo Mena, over ten rounds here. Bob Roger drubbed Luc Domer in a bantam eight and Danny, Belgian bantam, beat Moktar of Algeria, over six rounds.

▶ **Lyons,** France. Andre Vairolatto, rising feathers favorite, beat a difficult customer in Belaid Meslem over ten rounds while in **Paris,** Esteban Martin made short work of the Belgian flyweight, Tony Torrens, forcing him to retire in the third round of their bout at the Stadium. On the same card, Michaud nodded Michel Serenus in a middles eight. At the **Central,** another Frenchman of Spanish extraction, Cesar Fuentes, was impressive. Fuentes iced Pierre Duponchel of Belgium in the fifth frame of a lightie encounter.

▶ At **Luxembourg,** beyond the French frontier, Jacques Delatouche stopped Klaus Jacobsen of Germany in the opening stanza of a welter scrap.

▶ **Mestre,** Italy. Last month we reported how Bruno Scarabellin stopped the victorious run of Jose Gonzales. On the same bill, brother Plinio obliged Angelo Grego to retire in the fifth round of a cruiser slam and Ivan Tombolini bested Bruno Burlovich in the best bout of the evening, a lightie eight. Antonio Pippa won over much heavier Ilario Suvilla, a real heavyweight, in six. At **Udine,** Mario Vecchiatto soundly whipped Jo Woussem, Belgian lightweight, over ten rounds.

▶ **Bologna,** Italy. The local feather Nobile, won a good decision over Castone Casarico in eight rounds and in a heavyweight slam, Vittorio Stagni won by a mile over beefy Mario Saviane in six rounds and cruiser Marchesini debuted successfully with a win over Calabrese in four. At **Sassari,** the nimble Spaniard, Jose Luis Martinez, improved his status by trouncing Gavino Furesi in a bantam ten and another Spaniard, Gil Suarez, handed a severe belting to Girolamo Piu in a welter eight. Surprise again in **Rome,** where Renato Giacche was upset by Ziyaris Taki, the Turkish welter, in a good eight-rounder.

▶ **Paris.** At the Salle Wagram, Dante Bini proved that he is still to be reckoned with in bantam circles by lacing Roger Cappato, despite the latter's strong rally at the end of the ten-round encouter. Jacques Debondant scored another win, defeating Lecreurer in a welter ten and Mohamed Ould stopped Daniel Dahmani in the tenth round of a feathers slam. At the Central, Claude Cordier-Galetti iced Lucien Menu in the third of a middles eight and Michel Dinot likewise flattened Jean Vankerschaver in the third of a cruiser clash.

▶ **Geneva,** Switzerland. Maurice Auzel suffered something of a setback here when he was held to a draw by Henri Cabelduc, the Breton welter, after ten hard rounds.

▶ **Bologna,** Italy. Headlining a program devoted to young prospects, Remo Carati looked good in halting Claudio Buniva in the eight round of a middles slam. Vittorio Stagni was also impressive, trouncing Amati in a heavyweight six and Marchesini edged Berti in a close cruiser six. At **Pavia,** local lightie comer Annibale Omodei dislodged Marcello Padovani from leadership of that division by trouncing the champion over twelve rounds. At **Ancona,** Aldo Pravisani

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(MONTH ENDING ——— 1958)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Erich Schoppner (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Giancarlo Garbelli (I)
2. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Emilio Marconi (I)
3. Willi Besmanoff (G)	Wim Snoek (H)	Italo Scortichini (I)	Seraphin Ferrer (F)
4. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Charles Colin (F)	Max Resch (G)	Bruno Visintin (I)
5. Mino Bozzano (I)	Rocco Mazzola (I)	Andre Drille (F)	Jacq. Herbillon (F)
6. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Uwe Janssen (G)	Hans Wohlers (G)	Fortunato Manca (I)
7. Albert Westphal (G)	Artenio Calzavara (I)	Michel Diouf (F)	Valere Benedetto (F)
8. Bruno Scarabellin (I)	Yao Kouame (F)	Leen Jansen (H)	Ben Buker II (S)
9. Hans Friedrich (G)	Dieter Wemhoner (G)	Francois Anewy (F)	Gunter Hase (G)
10. Jose Gonzales (S)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Franz Szuzina (G)	Chris Christensen (D)
LIGHTWEIGHTS	**FEATHERS**	**BANTAMS**	**FLYWEIGHTS**
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Young Martin (S)
2. Lahouri Godih (F)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Robert Pollazon (F)
3. Fred Galiana (S)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Piero Rollo (I)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
4. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Jose Ogazon (S)
5. Felix Chiocca (F)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Jean Guerrard (F)
6. Piet van Klaveren (H)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Edgar Basel (G)
7. Fernand Nollet (F)	Jules Touan (F)	Eugene Le Cozanet (F)	Ben Ali (S)
8. Germano Cavalieri (I)	Giordano Campari (I)	Dante Bini (F)	Andre Gasperini (F)
9. Epiphane Akono (F)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Abdelkader Azzouz (F)	Henri Schmid (F)
10. Manfred Neuke (G)	Louis Poncy (F)	Roger Cappato (F)	Francisco Carreno (S)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; G Germany; H Holland; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden.

was presented with a split verdict after taking a lacing from French feather Andre Valignat.

▶ **Barcelona,** Spain. Frank Garcia turned in a good performance again, lacing the Italian lightie, Fioravente Merlo, over eight rounds. In **Madrid,** Antonio Martin stopped Armindo in the second heat of a lightie larrup and a few days later at the Gran Price in **Barcelona,** Ben Buker II disposed of his challenger, Luis Gonzales, champion of Castile, whipping him soundly over twelve rounds. On the same bill, Francisco Carreno stopped Luis Vicente in the fifth heat of a flyweight discussion.

▶ **Stuttgart,** Germany. Despite an attendance of 4,000 the hall was only half full at promotor Knorzer's latest star-studded bill. Most important was no doubt the return to fisticuffs of Gerhard Hecht, but the ex-champion was a great disappointment. He came in at 184 against the Belgian, Alain Cherville, 187, but soon realized that the Walloon is no pushover. Cherville was a persistent aggressor and was leading when he split Hecht's left eyebrow during the fourth round, which led to the fight being stopped in the Belgian's favor. Gunter Hase had his hands full with Gerd Muller in a welter title-defense. Muller, who is rarely employed in German rings and gains his livelihood as a reliable "outsider" in foreign rings, attacked furiously from the first bell and had Hase on the verge of a kayo in the sixth. Hase recovered and began to give the rugged challenger a boxing lesson until Muller landed two more of his vicious rights in the ninth, both earning a knockdown. The draw verdict was highly unpopular as Muller had made all the fight, although he lacked finesse. Hans Kalbfell fought like a novice against the Dutch colonial, Al Kramp, and was nearly kayoed before he iced him in the fourth while Rudi Langer trimmed Albert Muller in a lightweight eight. Toni Gruber beat Horst Herold in heavyweight four and Ernst Zetzmann chilled Helmut Hohmann in the sixth heat of a welter embroglio.

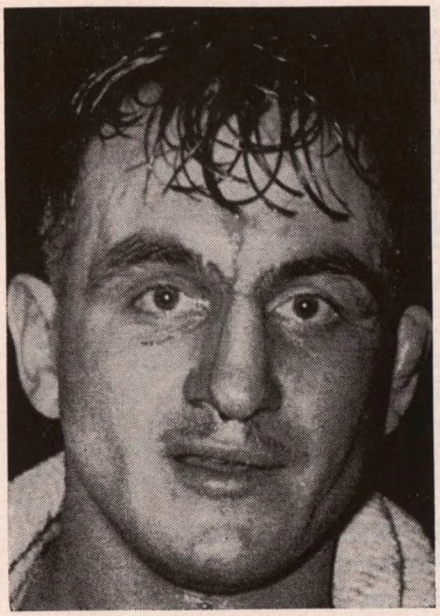
▶ **Milan,** Italy. Giancarlo Garbelli met his toughest foe yet in the person of Larry Baker, American welter, and the pair engaged in a furious battle with no quarter given or asked. Garbelli was given the nod, though a draw would have been more equitable. Mario Vecchiatto sailed into Felix Chiocca of France with his usual non-stop fury and gained a close decision after ten fierce rounds and in a cruiser eight, Rocco Mazzola got the better of erratic Pedro Klyssen, of Holland. The Ethiopian welter king, Gheri Fretzghi, was held to a draw by Umberto Del Carlo over eight rounds and Scipioni beat Urbani in a flyweight six.

▶ **Cannes,** France. Jacques Strocchio took time off from his job at the Casino to defeat Francois Kania in a heavyweight ten here. At **Biarritz,** Andre Drille had no difficulty in whipping Mohamed Taibi in a middles ten while Jean St. Martin did well to lick Chato Ramos of Spain in a lightie eight. At **Lyons,** Roger Facqueur was easily outscored by Ted Wright, colored American welter, over ten rounds. Pierre Mondino nodded Brahim Kettani in a further welter ten and at **Amiens,** Antoine Martin out-thumped powerful Joe Buck of Germany in a feathers ten. At **St. Malo,** Jacques Dugenie fought rings round Roger Maziou in a welter ten and at **St. Dizier,** Michel Francois laced the Belgian welter, Georges Devos, over ten. At **St. Brieuc,** the last of these saintly towns, Gaston Mathien gained a narrow but merited decision over Michel Lombardet in a welter ten.

▶ **Casablanca,** Morocco. Those who were anxious for the well-being of Cherif Hamia had their fears set at rest by the Algerian's convincing performance here against Bobby Bell, the American. Hamia was in brilliant form and whipped Bell soundly, dropping him twice and thus repeating the victory scored over Bell in Montreal.

Baiata, local feather, caused a stir by whipping Tanny Campo over ten rounds. This was Baiata's 6th pro bout and first ten-rounder. Charlie Douglas, team-mate of Bell, knocked out Ben Miloud in five rounds and Marcel Dupre of France stopped Montecatina in the ninth heat of a lightie slam.

▶ **La Spezia,** Italy. It was knockout night for fans here, with Bruno Visintin leading the way at the expense of Jack Subero, who subbed at the last minute. The Trinidadian took several counts and the fight was stopped in the third round. Alberto Serti nearly chilled Plavio Ciancarelli but the latter survived to lose this lightie eight on points. In two cruiser outings Giulio Rinaldi stopped Orfeo Meneghini in two and Ottavio Panunzi likewise halted Arnaldo Camporese in two. At **Grosseto,** Altidoro Polidori bested Salvatore Vangi of France in a feathers ten.



In a great battle at the Palais des Sports, Paris, Charley Humez, European middleweight champion, eked out a ten round decision over German Gustav Scholz, who had been unbeaten in his pro career covering 68 bouts.

▶ **Madrid,** Spain. Santos Seoane scored another good win here by drubbing Luis Barba in a fast bantam eight. At **Saragossa,** Francisco Frances won a very unpopular verdict over Luis Serra in a middles ten and the Canary Islander, Chato Ramos, stopped Jose Cadalso in the sixth round of a lightie dispute. In **Barcelona,** Fioravente Merlo decisioned Perez Arquero in a hard lightie eight. In a middles clash, Villar nodded Perez Ros over six and Bodi trounced Caire in a welter six.

▶ **Paris.** At the Central, Andre Vairolatto made it nine in a row when he battered Andre Bernard into retiring in the fifth round of a feathers affair.

▶ At **St. Pol sur Mer,** Elie Swynghedauw returned to action with a kayo win over Kerroum in the opening round of a feathers slam, while at **Bastia,** Corsica, Sauveur Chiocca reduced himself to welter limit to fight Carmelo Beraza of Spain, whom he defeated over ten rounds.

▶ **Paris.** In the final of the Assane Diouf Belt competition for middles held at the Stadium, Francis Da Sylva emerged triumphant, defeating Nicolas Beaugrand over ten rounds.

At the **Central,** Andre Meraint was held to a draw by Jacques Ilari in a good feathers ten. At **Dijon,** Andre Oueille returned to action with a kayo over Alfonso Segura, an obscure Spanish middle, in the seventh round and at **Blois,** Jacky Chauveau made it 17 bouts without defeat by lacing Caillot in a welter ten.

▶ **Geneva,** Switzerland. Guy Gracia regained his winning ways here, defeating the Italian lightie, Mario Calcaterra, over ten rounds.

▶ **Paris.** At the Salle Wagram, Ted Wright of America had an easy time against the strong but crude Breton welter, Henri Cabelduc, and won this ten-rounder as he pleased. Edouard Lewko bested Boukouaci Bouani in a middles eight and Mohamed Zarzi upset Michel Lamora by licking the bantam prospect over ten. At the Central, Claude Cordier-Galetti scored over Rene Nanquette in a middle ten and Prieto Castro of Spain beat Jacques Rund in a lightie six.

▶ **Copenhagen,** Denmark. Martin Hansen, despite his British citizenship, remains the bulwark of Danish boxing. He is approaching the veteran stage and his stamina was put to a severe test by the powerful Michel Diouf of Senegal, who hammered away at the more skillful Dane for ten rounds, gaining the nod. But Hansen deserved at least a draw, and Diouf admitted his surprise at getting the verdict. Chris Christensen won a brilliant decision over another African, Idrissa Dione, in an excellent welter ten while Tommy Skovgaard won a decision over Renzo Macor, Italy, in a miserable heavyweight six. Sander Bonde was again impressive in scoring over French lightweight Robert Gillet in six.

▶ **Liege,** Belgium. Since he is shortly due to tangle with Hamia for the European feathers title, Jean Sneyers had a critical audience when he met Jean Dos Santos of Portugal here. But Sneyers passed the test, showing all his former brilliance in disposing easily of Santos via the points route. Kid Dussart got the decision over Ben Buker II in a rather dull welter ten and in a further welter dispute, Emile Vlaemynck was lucky to get the nod over Brahim Ketani after eight even rounds. At **Jemappes,** Richard Bouchez came back after taking a count of "9" in the third round to stop Constant Alcantara in the ninth round of their middles bout owing to a cut eye. In the opening rounds of a middleweight competition, Eddie Kindermans beat Michel Le Riguier of France while Michel Serenus, France, edged Aime Mathys. Emile Delmine qualified by a walkover and Frans Wahl licked Marcel Poulain. All bouts were over six rounds.

▶ **La Rochelle,** France. Francis Bonnardel, who recently drew with Bobby Bell, turned the trick once more when he split the decision with Charlie Douglas after a good feathers ten, which saw Douglas rather the better man. At **Le Mans,** Roger Cappato was likewise to share honors with tough Robert Tartari in a bantam ten and in **Paris,** Charles Sylla drew with Mohammed Meftah in a bantem ten at the Stadium. At the Central, Roland Roy beat Stan Sobolak in a bantam eight.

▶ **Rome,** Italy. At the Palazetto, Bruno Visintin retained his rating by outscoring the strong French welter, Maurice Auzel, over ten. Uwe Janssen of Germany was rather unlucky not to get the decision over Don Baccheschi in a cruiser slam and had to content himself with a draw. Bruno Scarabellin, who has been suggested as challenger for Johansson's title, stopped Heinz Lemm of Germany in the fourth heat of a heavies clash.

▶ **Courtrai,** Belgium. Marcel Limage returned after a long layoff with a victory over Andre Cottyn, who was stopped in the sixth round of a heavies slam while Jean Paternotte trimmed Daniel Cobe in a lightie ten. At **Deerlyk,** Juan Alvarez stopped Charles Raf in the ninth round of their feathers fray.

▶ **Rotterdam,** Holland. Frits van Kempen bade farewell to the welter title which has been in his possession, more or less, for the past four years. He was knocked out in the sixth round of his title-defense by the Surinamese, Tommy Baars. Quick wins were the order of the day, Leen Jansen stopped Mohamed Taibi in the fifth round of one middles slam, in the other, Jo Lamers put a stop to the knockout fame of Mahmoud le Noir by halting the Tunisian in round two.

▶ At **Amsterdam,** another Dutch title was lost to the Huizenaar stable when Hein van der Zee was stopped in the thirteenth round by Sugar Ray, who has long had his eyes on the bantam title.

▶ **Hamburg,** Germany. Despite bad weather, 5,000 attended the Ernst Merck Hall to support Hans Wohlers, the Blond Flash, in his bout with Johnny Read of England. The Norwood middleweight came in as substitute for Alex Buxton and suffered the usual fate of substitutes but he certainly let Wohlers know that he had been in a fight. Wohlers pressed home the attack relentlessly but despite six knockdowns Read was still on his feet at the final bell and got a good hand for his plucky showing. Albert Westphal, 190, had some trouble in outpointing southpaw Erwin Hack, 173, who was also a substitute and gave his heavier rival plenty of problems. In two lightweight scraps, Manfred Neuke iced Rudi Christiaens of Belgium in five and Harry Kurschat stopped Tony Van Eyk in three. Helmut Mistol won a hard welter six from Frenchman Francois Lecreurer.

▶ **Paris.** Germinal Ballarin, the problem child of French middles, met Andre Drille at the Palais des Sports in what was an attempt to establish a successor to Charles Humez. Both men possess considerable experience and this did not lead to a very clear battle. The bout was extremely confused at times, though each fighter gave of his uttermost in an attempt to clinch an early victory and when Drille's arm was raised at the end of ten rounds it was apparent that although Basque had scored the decisive number of points, it was always Ballarin who was the most dangerous, even at the final bell. After this defeat, Ballarin has decided to enter the cruiser division, where the pay is less but where he can at least eat a decent meal without weight worries.

Felix Chiocca and Victor Pepeder engaged in a hectic lightweight affair which ended in a draw though the edge went to the Corsician and in a feathers six, Graceieux

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IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

THE MID-WEST BOXING CLUB PRESENTED TWO FEATURED EIGHT round bouts for their weekly show. In one, Sonny Liston, 210, St. Louis, scored a knockout over Ben Wise, 200, Oakland, Calif., in the fourth round. Liston is a terrific puncher and appeared much the better fighter. In the other Ernest Terrell kayoed Johnny Harper, 215, Steubenville, Ohio, in the first round. Terrell weighed 193.

In other bouts Art Wilburn, 136, Chicago, Jimmy Christopher's pride and joy, scored his fifth straight victory by defeating Joe Woodward, 135, Peoria, in five heats. Lou Bailey, 177, Peoria, beat James Beard, 173, in five rounds. The IBC sponsored show was well attended by the local fans.

▶ Johnny Coulon, former world's Bantamweight champion, (1907-1914) is the teacher and trainer of Antonio Marcilla. Since Abe Saperstein brought the boy back with him from Argentina, he has scored six straight knockouts and appears a sparking prospect in the welterweight division.

▶ Sugar Ray Robinson regained the world's middleweight title by scoring a fifteen round split decision over Carmen Basilio at the Chicago Stadium. The story of that is told by Nat Fleischer. The prelims were packed full of action. Antonio Marcilla, Abe Saperstein's colorful welterweight prospect, won a four round decision over Jerry Jordan, 145, Chicago. This was Marcilla's seventh straight victory in the United States. Rudy Ellis, 159, Chicago, scored a kayo in five over Pero Bradley, 158, St. Louis. Bobby Rogers, 133, Chicago, easily defeated Pete Kawala, 129, Toronto, in six fast rounds.

Matchmaker Ben Bentley who doubles as the Chicago IBC publicity director, did a bang-up job as ring announcer.

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MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

A COUPLE OF DETERMINED YOUNGSTERS WILF GREAVES, 161½, Detroit, and Ernie Smith, 159½, New Port, Pa., met in the feature attraction of the bi-weekly fistic offerings of the C. W. Smith Enterprises at the Motor City Arena. It was a tough close fight for six rounds when Greaves caught Smith coming off the ropes with a crushing right hand. Wilf followed up his advantage, pumping away with both hands before referee Lou Jallos stepped in to call a halt to the bout.

Hard punching Bill Pickett, 196½, Detroit, scored his third straight one round knockout when he put Perry Moore, 216, Milwaukee, out for the full count. Frankie Trusso, 149, Cleveland, made it three in a row with a decision over Fred McCray, 150, Detroit, in an interesting four. Bill Ewing, 168, and Johnny Lamar, 162, both of Detroit, put on a willing bout before the former copped the duke, and Gaetano Dinallo, 136, a former French amateur champion now residing in Detroit, celebrated his American and professional debut with a two round KO over Al Green, 133, Detroit.

▶ Johnny Summerlin, 191½, Detroit, scored his third straight comeback victory when he was awarded a unanimous ten round decision over Artie Miller, 175, New York, at the MCA. The New Yorker's game stand won the hearts of the fans who gave both fighters a well deserved hand for a bout well fought. The win was Summerlin's thirty-third in forty-two starts.

Hard punching Henry Hank, 163¼, Detroit, scored a fast knockout at :59 of the third round when he connected with a beautuful left hook to the chin of George Boddie, 163¼, Dayton, in the semi-final.

After having been sent reeling to the canvas twice from terrific left hooks, Willie Coleman, 199, Detroit, came back to knock out Bill Pickett, 192, also from Detroit, at 2:42 of the third. In the opener, Gaetano Dinallo, 133¼, Detroit, handed Pancho Hernandez, 130¾, Pigeon, Michigan, a bad beating before referee Morrie Sherman stepped in and halted the bout in the second round.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By Bus Burke

LOU WALLACH'S FOURTH CLUB FIGHT PRESENTATION DID OKAY from the remunerative angle but left the fans complaining bitterly about the matching of the fighters. With one fighter quitting in the first round, and the main event ending in a technical kayo in the second round when the referee Paul Spica stepped in and called a halt to the one sided battle between Bowdry and O'Hara, when O'Hara showed that he had no defense and practically no offense, and with another bout between Al Jones and Premus Williams being one of those clutch and hold affairs, I don't suppose you can blame the people who pick up in a round about way the tab for the evening's fiasco, for being bitter. But it was just one of those things. All of the rest of Wallach's shows have been well matched and had the same bitter fans standing in the aisles. This was just one of those nights when everything went wrong. 1,012 fans crowded the small Lafayette Avenue arena leaving behind $2,060.

Jesse Bowdry, St. Louis, 174½, stopped Eddie O'Hara, Milwaukee, 174½, in the second round.

Al Jones, St. Louis, 152, fought a six round draw with Premus Williams, Cincinnati, 149. George Green, Detroit, 149, decisioned Jerry Gray, St. Louis, 151, in four rounds.

Jack McCracken, St. Louis, 174, stopped Jim Amonette, Pacific, Mo., 173 in the first round. Amonette would not come out for the second round. Dick Bartman, Milwaukee, 145, decisioned Mickey Gregory, East St. Louis, 143 in four rounds.

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Les Huffman

BILLY COLLINS, NASHVILLE LIGHTWEIGHT, DECISIONED Adam Ellison of Columbus who was representing Zanesville, Ohio in the Chicago Golden Glove tournament at Chicago, Ill. Ellison can be remembered as the featherweight who won the crown a few years back on the Service T. V. Shows. This bout was on the national GGT.

▶ Toledo's Golden Glove team won the Western Golden Glove Trophy finishing the four night grind with 18 points in 22 bouts during the tournament. Gil Yanez, with two wins, won the flyweight crown. Welter weight Dave Holman and Wilbert McClure, middleweight, took the crowns in their weights to give Toledo the first trophy in 12 years competition.

CLEVELAND NEWS
By Harold Walsh

THE BOXING GAME SHOWS SIGNS OF REVIVAL HERE following the very successful Golden Gloves tournaments in Northern Ohio and the finals staged by the Cleveland Plain Dealer at the Cleveland Arena before 7000 fans.

Since then there have been weekly amateur shows in Cleveland before good crowds.

Al Naiman will also promote a series of professional shows in Music Hall at Cleveland's Public Hall with Pat Yates, long identified with boxing in Cleveland as matchmaker.

Cleveland has a fine lightweight prospect in Solomon Boysaw. Boysaw has won all sixteen of his professional bouts.

MOBILE, ALABAMA, NEWS
By Art Drago

MOBILE—WELTERWEIGHT GUY SUMLIN CONTINUES TO BE THE HOTTEST bit of boxing property in the state and the best drawing card hereabouts in many a moon. Sumlin rolled to his seventh pro victory in impressive fashion when he stopped Chief Sam Williams of Beaumont in 1:35 of the third round. The Mobile lad has yet to lose as a pro.

It was Guy's third win of the month. He stopped Cheffy Reyna in two here earlier in the month and blasted Al Boudreaux to the canvas three times in New Orleans in the course of winning a six-rounder the week following the Reyna bout.

Both cards here during the month of March were financial as well as artistic successes.

Carleton Wilson, 146, Mobile, stopped Bobby Pooler, 145, Boston, 2:01 of the first.

Teddy (Red Top) Mosley, 138, Mobile, decisioned Ray Hernandez, 137, Houston (4).

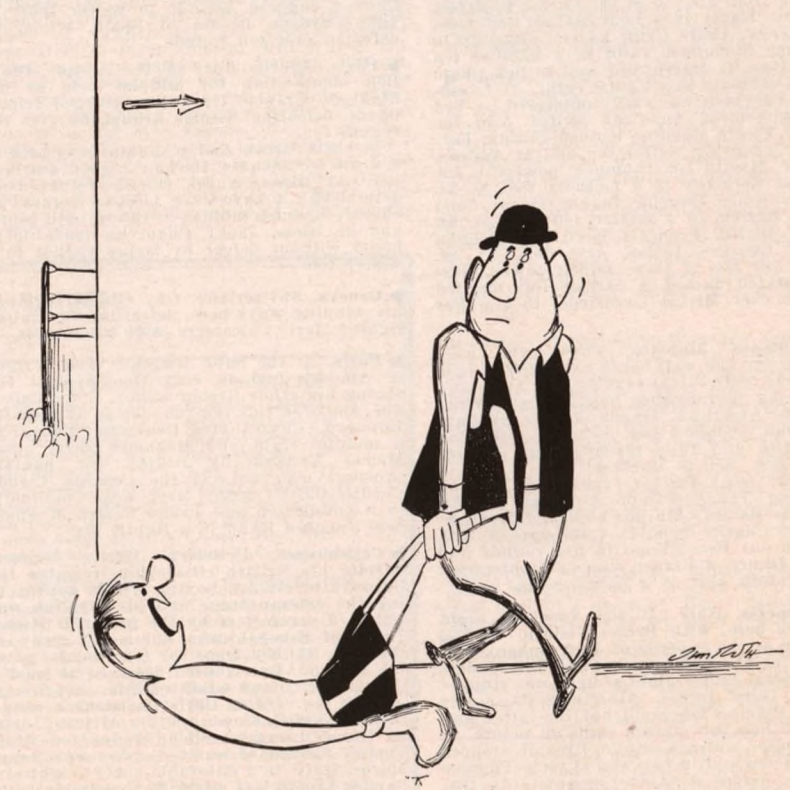
Calvin Chapman, 140, Mobile, decisioned Daniel Salazar, 143, Chicago (4).

Bobby Garza, 135, Corpus Christi, decisioned Jerry Tillman, 140, Mobile (4).

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

BUFFALO FANS SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN THE Ray Robinson Carman Basilio title bout and packed houses saw the championship match on closed television at the Buffalo and Century theaters. Basilio was the big favorite although Robinson, too, has many friends in Buffalo. The furious bout whipped up renewed interest in the boxing game and clearly demonstrated that boxing is still a major sport with the public. Only a paucity of ring talent keeps Buffalo promotions at a standstill. There is likelihood that shows will be staged here this summer. Next Fall may see a new club in action with a big plan.

Promoter Tom Lippes of the Hudson club has apparently thrown in the sponge. He has declined to renew his fight club license. Only the Fairview club with Dewey Michaels as promoter is currently licensed.



"PUT ME DOWN—I WON!"

FAMOUS NAVY FIGHTING MEN

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cap of the Grand Army of the Republic. Billy kept that ace in the hole his secret for a long time. When times got tough he asked to be admitted to the Soldiers' Home at Yountville. Prior to that he had never let anyone know that he had been a veteran of the Civil War and now he told the press his story of how he had become interested in boxing. When interviewed he is reported to have answered:

"Yes, I was the best boxer in the whole danged Navy! I was the midddleweight champion of the fleet. I was the bugler on the staff of David Glasgow Farragut and I stood not two feet away from him on the flagship Hartford during the Battle of Mobile Bay.

"And," he added, "while you boys are taking notes, don't ever believe that Farragut said, 'Damn the Torpedoes! Go Ahead!'

"He said more than that. It was 'God Damn the Torpedoes' "!

Jordan, one of the earliest of Navy boxers, was the announcer in 1889 at the bout that saw George La Blanche, "The Fighting Marine", knock out "The Nonpareil", the original Jack Dempsey, in 32 rounds. Incidentally, the yellowed pages of the San Francisco newspapers on file in the Libarary of Congress, belie the story so often printed that La Blanche did the trick with a back-handed pivot blow. Those news columns state clearly that Jordan announced before the battle, "this is not a title fight since La Blanche weighed 161 pounds," at the time three above the championship weight limit was recognized universally.

The referee, Hiram Cook, stated after the fight that there was no foul blow. Dempsey said that the punch was a fair one. Ringside pen and ink artists—no photographs were taken in those days—illustrated the report of the fight showing an overhand right, following a left hook to the body. The right broke Dempsey's nose.

La Blanche had boxed as an amateur in his native Canada, winning the Canadian lightweight crown, but he developed his boxing in the U. S. Navy.

The first Navy-made world champion was Spike Lisky, a middle-sized gunner's mate on the battleship "Rhode Island". Spike won the fleet bantam title by defeating fast little Speedy Early, a yeoman on the U. S. S. "Texas". When discharged from the Navy, Lisky took up professional boxing, working out of New Jersey. He volunteered for World War One service, returning to the Navy where he served on the "black battleship", so laden with explosives that they didn't even have a protective destroyer convoy.

After the war, Spike Lisky resumed his pro boxing. Under the management of Lew Diamond, Lisky won the American flyweight title by defeating Frankie Mason of Fort Wayne. He gave it up and later won the world bantamweight championship in 1921 by defeating the highly favored Pete Herman, now a boxing commissioner in New Orleans and a night club owner.

Pete is blind. Lisky lost his crown to Joe Lynch.

Lisky was known as the "Jersey Skeeter". He was a great little champion who to his many admirers was known by his ring name, Johnny Buff. Johnny died a few years ago in New Jersey following a breakdown both in finances and in health. He passed away in East Orange, N. J., in the Veterans' Hospital.

GENE TUNNEY A PRODUCT OF U. S. MARINE CORPS

The next world champion from the Naval service was James Joseph Tunney, known to boxing enthusiasts as Gene Tunney, his fighting name. As a Marine he served with the Eighth Regiment in World War One. In France he won the light heavy title of the A.E.F. and later he faced Bob Martin who had won the A.E.F. heavyweight crown, in a special match and defeated Bob in a non-title bout.

When Gene returned to America and decided to follow pro boxing as a career prior to his entrance into gigantic American business affairs, he defeated Battling Levinsky to win the American light heavyweight crown and the Marine lost the title to Harry Greb, regained it from Greb and went on to win the world heavyweight championship from Jack Dempsey and a year later, repeated the triumph.

Here's an interesting item in connection with the first fight. Gene trained at Stroudsburg, Pa. The late Major Joseph C. Fegan, U.S.M.C. (later Major General), then in charge of the Marine Corps athletic program, offered Tunney a commission as First Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve. Tunney, expressing appreciation, suggested that Major Fegan wait.

"Can this be held up until after the bout with Dempsey?" he asked. "When I win that one and the world title, why not make it a commission as captain?" he remarked, more as a jest than in earnest.

Major Fegan, himself a great athlete in his day, quickly responded: "That's a splendid idea. Let's wait."

When Gene Tunney dethroned Dempsey, Major Fegan didn't forget. Gene was given the rank of captain in the U.S.M.C. Reserve.

Tunney, whose home is in Greenwich, Conn., had taken part in seven major bouts before enlisting with the Leathernecks but his real development came along under service auspices. His coach was Spike Webb, for many years boxing instructor at the U. S. Naval Academy.

How many more world champions and top notch ringmen were graduates of our Navy and Marine Corps? We tell more about those in the second part of this series. Watch for the second installment in the next issue.

IOWA-SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By Bill Hawkins

TERRY LEWIS, SIOUX CITY'S LATEST HEAVYWEIGHT SENSATION, did it again. Lewis extended his string of victories and his count in knockouts with a T. K. O. of Gene White at Minneapolis. The referee stopped the bout in the fourth round because of bad bleeding cuts over White's left eye. Lewis this time depended mainly on his heavy left hook to the body to take an immediate lead. His body attack drove White about the ring from the opening bell. In the first round the Sioux Cityan threw a right to the head. It opened the eye cut by which White was handicapped until the bout was stopped. Lewis was relentless in his attack. He pumped left and right hooks to the body varied by right uppercuts to the head. It was the Sioux Cityan's first 10-rounder. His record to date since turning professional now stands at 9 knockouts and won 1 by decision.

▶ LAST MINUTE SPARKS . . . Wrestling has returned to the Sioux City auditorium with record breaking crowds. . . . The sport is also taking hold at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. . . . Pete Rademacher was offered $10,000 as a guarantee to fight Sioux City's Terry Lewis on the west coast. . . . Alex Karras, all-America football tackle at Iowa now wrestling under the banner of Pinkie George, Des Moines sports promoter was married at Clinton, Iowa. . . . Karras is doing right well around the middlewest wrestling centers. . . . Remember our new address is 2600 South Roswell St., Sioux City, Iowa. . . . Our new phone number is 6-9020.

JAMAICA—WEST INDIES

By Ken Jones

HENRY FERGUSON, 148½, BAHAMIAN BUNDLE OF ENERGY, CAME TO JAMAICA with the reputation of being a kayo artist. The dubious crowd tittered when the little man climbed through the ropes to meet the Jamaican welterweight champ, Gerald Gray, 148, but minutes later they were standing on their chairs as Gray stretched out full length on the canvas from a short savage blow to the jaw in the second round. Yet the game Jamaican came off the seat of his hitherto unsoiled jeans to win the toughest fight of his career in Jamaican rings.

The bout, promoted by Lucien Chen, was boycotted by the press because it was staged at the controversial Kingston Cricket Club's grounds. The press row was completely deserted.

In the semi-final Keiffer Edwards, 138, made short work of Emilio Sanchez, 139. Emilio was downed in the first. He was stopped in the second. Basil Campbell toyed with George Douglas for 6 rounds, yet lost the decision. Middleweight Len Slue beat Karl Whilby in four heats.

▶ Jose Edwin, the Panamanian welterweight whirlwind, made a triumphant return to Jamaica, pounding out a decisive victory over Alfredo Beezar of the Dominican Republic. Jose, displaying superb boxing skill and ruggedness, dished out merciless punishment to his opponent who came out of the fray with very high marks for toughness and fortitude. In the eighth round Edwin hit Beezar with everything but the stool and the Dominican refused to go down. Instead he rallied strongly to win the final stanza.

In the semi-final, welterweights Roy Burke and Arnold Morrison waltzed to a draw. Bantamweight Killer Solomon employed a stiff accurate left jab to chop Andy Greenwood's face to a pulp. In a third round rally Killer finished his man with a sharp right. Greenwood, making a comeback after a long lay-off, didn't show much of his old form.

The bouts were staged at the George VI Memorial Park; promoted by Gladstone deSouza.

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NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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importance to the boxing world because it deals with the problem of widely fluctuating incomes, always a highly important factor to fistic champions as thoroughly discussed in a recent issue of this magazine.

Congressman Thomas Curtis (R) of Missouri, has a bill, "H. R. 126," under review by the House Ways and Means Committee in Washington, which blocks out a workable plan on this problem. Whether this or some other yet to be developed plan will ultimately be employed, we don't know. But all signs are encouraging. Tax averaging relief is looming on the horizon.

"The Ring" has long advocated a strong measure of this sort, a definitive bill to adjust the inequities suffered by professional athletes who have only a limited time in the top earning brackets. "Ring" Magazine has been in the forefront every time this question has come before the Congressional spotlight.

Now, I believe we may get some definite action. People in general are becoming more sympathetic to the professional athlete's dilemma. The Joe Louis story has served to graphically point up the tragedy of taxing a man into almost complete financial oblivion. There are many, many other cases in the boxing world which etch an equally tragic story. Boxers as a group perhaps are the most affected by our present tax structure which makes little provision for violently fluctuating incomes.

From my long experience and background in the boxing game, fifty-two years of coverage, I'm convinced that the average boxer has but approximately nine peak years, roughly from the age of twenty through twenty-nine. Of course, only a relatively few of these men ever become champions or even top contenders. So the cards are stacked heavily against them from the start, income-wise.

Thus, the great boxers who overcome the tremendous odds and stand a chance to earn really big money, richly deserve an opportunity to keep a fair portion of their peak earnings, made only in from two to five all too short glorious years at the top. They are contributing their strongest saleable asset, their physical equipment at its zenith.

BOXERS REQUIRE AN EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENT

A few days ago I talked with Fred Howard, Economic Consultant for Woolrych and Currier, the prominent San Diego research firm who are doing the preliminary research on this Tax Averaging study. He is digging deep into this problem, uncovering case histories in our profession with our aid, and many others involved, from actors to farmers.

He told me there have been over fifty plans proposed in the past to solve this situation. Now Congressman Curtis has this bill which may bear fruit.

Mr. Howard indicated that Washington is developing growing awareness of the plight of people who are the tax victims of highly fluctuating incomes. He says that the current proposal is achieving strengthening interest, has strong support from Bob Feller, President of the Major League Player's Association and many other professional groups vitally concerned.

"Ring" Magazine is lending its full weight to the sponsors of the bill. "The Ring" editor has helped prepare data for submission to the committee.

We see the victims of this tax situation in our offices every day. We look out our windows into the Garden lobby; we watch men who have earned a quarter million dollars in one year's time standing there begging for a five dollar handout. We know very realistically what Tax Averaging measures will mean.

Ezzard Charles, the former heavyweight champion has announced that he is preparing for a ring comeback. He's in his mid-thirties. His last few fights were pretty tragic. Ezzard earned tremendous purses when he was champion. Most of the money is gone now and Ezzard wants to come back, much too late.

Is there any clearer lesson than Ezzard Charles, training courageously in a Cincinnati gym, money gone, past his physical peak? Is there any better way of pointing up the desperate need for a Tax Averaging Bill for our champion sport figures?

History cases of famous ringmen who have suffered heavily include such names as Henry Armstrong, Joe Louis, Gus Lesnevich, Beau Jack among several hundred others. The pitiful case of the last named is too well known to sports enthusiasts. Beau Jack reaped a fortune during the years when he was at his peak. Between 1942 and 1947, his peak years, in 18 shows, he averaged $82,875 per show in Madison Square Garden and the gross intake for those set a record—$1,578,069. His share on a percentage basis amounted to a little more than half a million dollars and his average tax payments for those years was $50,000.

Though the Georgia shoe shine boy who received only $375 for his first Northern contest reaped a fortune during his five best years, shortly after he retired, he is in Georgia at his old job, dead broke. Had a Tax Average law been in effect, the likelihood is that he would have found himself more secure financially.

WHAT MAKES ANTHONY MAD?

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full approval of his manager, Anthony has mapped out an ambitious schedule for himself while he awaits developments which will decide which title he goes after.

There's a date he has up in Buffalo for late in April and then a Milwaukee fight with young and promising Orville Pitts, a $7,500 guarantee going with it. Then a third match with Yvon Durelle in Toronto, probably to be followed with a Los Angeles fight against Cal Brad. On tap also is a trip to Anchorage, Alaska to fight in the new 5,500 seat indoor arena.

Anthony intends to keep busy, no matter what the others in the light heavy and heavyweight division are doing.

Everything seems to be going right for Anthony now and the road seems clear for him to go all the way. Of all the young fighters around, especially among the bigger men, he seems to be the best bet to latch on to a world title. We'd feel more confident of this if only Tony would get mad sometimes. He does things too quietly, too thoroughly and too efficiently. Like he was a great fighter.

Maybe he is, but, come on, get mad Anthony!

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY

By Max Yeargain

BOB COCHRAN, 136, KANSAS CITY, MO., FORMER PARATROOPER, took a page from Pete Rademacher's book and in his initial professional fight lost a vicious 10 rounder to Lou Cappellano, 136, quick fisted Omahan in the main event of Promoter Joe Smogye's card at Omaha's Auditorium.

Cochran was floored in the fifth, seventh and ninth, only to come roaring back, staggering Cappellano time and again. Experience paid off for Jim Farhart's fighter who shows great possibilities, as Cappellano was awarded the fight by the two judges and referee.

In the eight round semi windup, Sonny Roy, 175, Chicago, Ill., won a hairline decision over Ray Augustus, 170, Topeka, Kans., the Satchel Paige of boxing. Augustus' clever maneuvers baffled the terrific hitting Chicagoan. Henry Dunmore, 142, Kansas City, stopped Gene Buzzello, 145, Omaha, by a TKO in the first round when Doctor Oliver Nickum benched Buzzello because of a deep gash opened over his right eye.

When Omaha featherweight Jimmy Manning failed to pass his physical, Jerry Morales flew in from Kansas City on six-hour notice and outpointed Warren Ford, 126, Omaha. Morales is a Kansas City former Golden Gloves Champion.

Your correspondent, Max Yeargain, 905 Jefferson, Kansas City, Mo.

BOXING IN PANAMA

By Juan W. Copeland

THE TORRES BROTHERS PROMOTED A SHOW AT THE National Gymnasium, Panama City. The attendance was poor. Rodolfo (Bobo) Francis, 129¾, returned after a long suspension and stopped Fenley Hooker, 132½, in the fifth round. In their first fight, nearly a year ago, Hooker got the decision and the Colon Boxing Commission suspended Francis for one year for a dubious performance. In this fight, he handled Hooker like a master.

Rodolfo (Tito) Marshall, 127, won a six round decision over Basilio Williams, 124½. Vicente Roy Best, 125½, decisioned Serafin Garcia, 124½, in four. Juan Chacon, 125½, earned a split decision over Panama Castill, 124½, in four.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CAPERS
By Mike Geary

WILLIE VAUGHN, 160, LOS ANGELES middleweight and eighth ranking by The Ring, was held to a ten-round draw by Jimmy Beecham, 155½, of Miami, in a nationally televised main go from Capital Arena.

A final tally of the score cards indicated a low blow in the fourth round had cost Vaughn the victory. This bout was the third meeting of this pair in six weeks with each participant holding a win over the other. Referee Marty Gallagher voted for Beecham 94-91, Judge Harry Volkman 99-93 for Vaughn and Judge Mike Tardugno called the draw with 95-95.

Early in the second round Vaughn suffered a cut on the left eye which appeared to have just recently healed. Ringside Physician Doctor Dave Gordon permitted the fight to continue and toward the end of the third, Willie appeared to have Beecham set-up to polish off when the bell ended the round. After the low blow in the fourth by Vaughn, the bout seemed to change course with Beecham landing solid blows with both hands and racking up points which had not appeared forthcoming from his earlier offerings.

The card was promoted by Goldie Ahearn, whose special guest of the evening was former middleweight champion Mickey Walker.

Kid Hurricane, 144, Washington, beat Andrew Singletary, 155, Baltimore, in four. Milt Ferguson, 128, Washington, fought Steve Haywood, 131, Baltimore, to a four round draw.

Ernie Knox, 179, Baltimore, decisioned Curtis Wade, 175, Ft. Holabird, Md., four rounds. Tippy Morgan, 148, New York City, stopped Tommy Williams, 148, Washington, after 42 seconds of the fourth round.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

TIDEWATER BOXING FANS MOURN THE PASSING OF Tony Barbaria. The ex-Navy chief promoted professional shows in the Tidewater area during the "bootleg boxing" days, before the sport was legalized in this state in 1934.

▶ The Southeastern Atlantic boxing tournament held at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk produced promising prospects. Your writer was impressed by the ability of the 165 pound champion, Lawrence Howard of the Jacksonville team. Howard showed much all around ability in defeating Paul Brown of the N.A.S. team of Norfolk, in an action-packed bout.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

JIMMY BEECHAM FINISHED FAST IN A 10 ROUND struggle with Willie Vaughn to take a split decision over Ring Magazine's number nine middleweight and 2-1 favorite at Miami Beach. The victory sent Jimmy's swat stock soaring to a new high in this upset and it came about through team-work of fighter Beecham and cornerman Angelo Dundee. For seven rounds the main eventers tossed leather with nary a break on the edge. But Beecham spoke loudly in the next round with good, telling shots and in the final heat beat Vaughn at Willie's best-type of boxing and long range dueling. Thus the Miamian, who tipped 157½, compared to his California opponent's 160½, was able to add an impressive victim to his list. Johnny Tombley, a good young welterweight from Hialeah, scored in eight rounds over Pat O'Brian; Bobby Young took an eight from Willie Mack; James Thomas grabbed a four from Gordon Van Loo, and Vern Chretien earned a four from Manual Baptisto. The Chris Dundee promotion drew 2,142 fans.

▶ Bobby Rogers, on the short end of betting odds, waged one of his best fights to capture a unanimous decision after 10 hectic rounds at Miami Beach with Angel Robinson Garcia. Always on the go and punching to the head and body, the Chicagoan left no doubt as to being the winner. He had the 4-1 favorite backing away straight, thereby enabling to reach the Cuban lightweight at will with both hands. Failing in his American debut, Garcia still has what it takes to get up the fistic ladder.

Wayne Womochil, 188, Omaha, took on the heavier Oscar Pharo and won the 10 rounder. Pharo, from Birmingham, tipped 212. Johnny Strong and Curley Allen fought four rounds evenly. Tommy O'Connor beat Al Duboise, in another four and Tommy Dell-Rocca TKOed Willie Finney in the fourth chapter. Chris Dundee promoted.

▶ Gomeo Brennan climbed into the Miami Beach ring for his first main event and walloped Wallace (Bud) Smith, former lightweight champion into a fifth round technical knockout victim. The loss for Smith, of Cincinnati, was his 11th consecutive and from what this here corner understands, it is his last fight. We sincerely hope the info is true. Dr. Alexander Robbins, of the Beach Boxing Commission, ordered the bout halted. Brennan, of Bimini, at 147, and Smith, 144.

Sylvester Garrison, 182½, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., drew in 8 with Miami's Wayne Chomochil, 190. Tommy O'Connor, 141, County Cork, Ireland, beat Miami's Ray Davis, 135½, in four. Bill Arias, 141, Homestead AFB, TKOed Billy Hall, 147½, Norcross, Georgia, in one.

Willie (Kid) Johnson, 155, Miami and Jacksonville, drew with Ray Sheppard, also 155, of Miami. The Chris Dundee show drew 1,830 fans and they paid $3,029.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By Ike Morales

IT'S TOO BAD THE WORLD'S LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE FIGHT between champion Joe Brown and challenger Ralph Dupas was unable to be held in New Orleans. The May 7 contest will be staged in Houston, Tex., where it was expected to draw $50,000.

There's no telling how much a fight between these two New Orleans boys would have attracted in their home town. A good guess would be close to $100,000.

▶ Charley Joseph was back in the running among the challengers for the middleweight title following his unanimous 10-round victory over Randy Sandy in Municipal Auditorium.

Joseph had played tag and sag with Sandy after getting a big edge over the rugged New York middleweight, lolling along the ropes, loafing it up. But when the tenth came on, Joseph stayed in the center of the ring and belted Sandy freely.

Referee Roland Brown penalized Sandy for a low blow in the third.

Referee Brown's tab was 6-2-2; Judge Charley Dabney had it 7-2-1, and Judge Fred Adams, 7-3. The Item scored it 6-4 for Joseph.

A crowd of 1728 people paid $3149 net to see the brawl, a losing cause for Co-promotors Bonnie Geigerman and Heard Ragas.

In the five-round semifinal, Spider Walker, 139¼, whipped Willie Ransom, 135¾, in a fast and interesting bout. In the opening four, Cal Campbell, 154¾, had an easy time with Mike Lowry, 160½.

The last round was the best one of the four waged by Jack Robinson, 156, and Stringbean Leslie, 158. Stringbean got a split duke.

In the best four rounder, Al Carter, 174½, won a decision over Joey Gleason, 170½.

▶ Tony Dupas, younger brother of Ralph's, added Clarence Cook of Bastrop, La., to his list of victims at the Coliseum arena. Referee Francis Kercheval disqualified Cook in the seventh round of a scheduled 10 rounder after repeated warnings to "do more fighting or suffer the consequences."

The boxing commission withheld Cook's purse for 24 hours, then handed the rangy middleweight a 90-day suspension.

Cook, with victories over Del Flanagan, Jimmy Martinez and Ernie Smith, was expected to give Dupas plenty of trouble. But Tony, whose style is in contrast to brother Ralph, gave Cook such a body beating that the latter appeared a well-beaten fighter before the referee halted the contest in the seventh.

The contest was a listless one and the fans started to boo Cook as early as the fifth round. Cook, who weighed 158¾ pounds to Dupas' 154, entered the ring a 7 to 5 favorite. It was Tony's 29th pro victory while losing but six.

A small crowd of 1104 fans paid $1802.88 net to see the fight card promoted by William LeBoeuf and Vincent Arnone.

Guy Sumlin of Mobile, 147, had too many guns for Al Boudreaux, 147, and walked off with a unanimous decision in the six-round semi-final.

The victory kept Sumlin's pro record clear of defeats.

Jimmy Lane, cut and bleeding from an eye cut in the first round, rallied to defeat Carlton Wilson in a fast four rounder. Lane shapes up as one of the best prospects around these parts.

Don Adams bested Jitterbug Smith and Willie Lee outpunched Eddie Hyams in the other fours.

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NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

BIRMINGHAM . . . Harry Edwards Smethwick, 135, is the new Midland Area Lightweight Champion by virtue of a points win over Johnny Mann, Birmingham, 133¼, twelve fast and interesting rounds. . . . Terry Banning, Warwick, 142, gained a narrow points win over Ian Fraser, Askern, 142, in six. . . . Tony French, Woking, 138, was too good for Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 138, and the referee wisely stopped the bout in the third, in favor of French. . . . A young cruiserweight worth watching, is Alan Peacock, Hull, 171¼, in his second professional contest he scored a neat knockout at the expense of Vernon Goodman, Christchurch, 171¾, in the first. . . . Colin Salcombe, Smethwick, 128, knocked out Len Devro, Birkenhead, 127¼, in the first. . . .

▶DERBY . . . Brian Jones, Nottingham, 133¾, outpointed Derek Clarke, Burnley, 137, in eight thrill-packed rounds. . . . Colin Moore, Derby, 145½, was a clear points winner over George Davis, Nigeria, 143, in eight. Walley Swift, Nottingham, 148½, outpointed Joe Somerville, Berkhamsted, 156¼, in a hard fought six. . . . Colin Mannock, Manchester, 133¾, knocked out Johnny Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 133, in the third. Gordon White, London, 157¼, won on points against Terry Saxon, Manchester, 148, in six.

▶EPSOM . . . Promoter Bill Goodwin was pleased to see a capacity chowd enjoy the fare that he served up at Epsom. Johnny Simmons, the hard hitting Paddington lightweight, 135½, and Barney Beale, Lambeth, 136, fought eight rounds to a draw. . . . Tommy Leroy Redhill, 165, outpointed Billy Smith, Croydon, 166¼, in a hard hitting Six. . . . Tommy lee, Croydon, 151, was declared a points winner over Ron Garnett, Earlsfield, 152¾, in six.

George Jeffreys, Kilburn, 147¾, stopped Buster Gaffney, Croydon, 148, when referee Harry Paulding intervened in the fourth when Gaffney had received a badly cut eye. Terry Griffiths, Bracknell, 134¼, gained a narrow points win over Johnny Summers, Islington, 138¼, in six. Earl Reefer, Trinidad, 137, and Gus Harry, also from Trinidad, 142, fought six rounds that had the fans calling for more, and the smarter work by Reefer earned him the full honours.

▶HAMILTON . . . The vacant Scottish featherweight title was won by Chic Brogan, Clydebank, 126, who outpointed Owen Riley, Glasgow, in twelve hotly disputed rounds. Dave Mooney, Wishaw, 173¾, gave a good display of hard hitting when he stopped Abe Stanley, Poole, 174½, in the fifth. Chic Calderwood, Craigneuk, 176¾, was a good points winner over Joe Walcott, Trinidad, 168, in six. Jim Ballantyne, Johnstone, 130¾, knocked out Ted Arthur, Belfast, 134½, in the second. Dennis East, Plaistow, 120¾, got up off the canvas in first round to score a good points win over Arthur Downie, Glasgow, 120¾, in eight. Peter Walsh, Glasgow, 115½, stopped Bobby Davis, Lancaster, 114, in the fourth.

▶ISLINGTON . . . Tommy McGuinnes, Edinburgh, 137¾, gave a sparkling exhibition against Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 139, and was loudly cheered by the crowd when his hand was raised as the winner at the end of the eight rounds. Johnny O'Callaghan, Dagenham, 122, with his southpaw stance had George Connors, Islington, 119½, puzzled for the six rounds, and was a clear points winner. Johnny Summers, Islington, 136¾, was a clear points winner over Frankie Turner, Camden Town, 134½, in six.

Paul Gormley, Canterbury, 162½, and Joe Pyle, Carshalton, 154¾, put plenty of action in their six rounds with the former receiving a points decision. Terry Lake, Morden, 142½, was awarded the decision over Vernon Pellai, Trinidad, 148½, when the latter was ruled out for persistent holding, in the third. Ron Bradstreet, Kentish Town, 137½, stopped Johnny Lomey, Euston, 138¼, in the first, the referee intervened when the latter received a badly cut eye.

▶ROTHERHAM . . . Jack London, Blackpool, 174½, was a clear points winner over the tough Huddersfield southpaw, Ted Williams, 173½, in a eight round slugfest. Billy Rafferty, Glasgow, 118¼, was called upon to test Kimpo Amarfio, Ghana, 120, in his first British contest. The scot rose to occasion by scoring a good points win after eight interesting rounds. Tommy Armour, Belfast, 109½, gained a good points win over Eddie Barraclough, Rotherham, 113, in six.

George Cooper, London, 201, was awarded a points decision over George Nafahau, Tonga, 215½, in six. Johnny Cunningham, Huddersfield, 163, former Amateur Star, clearly outpointed Ray Ward, Halifax, 162½, in a hard fought six. Ted Buck, Notts, 165, kept a cool head to gain a points win over Perry Leito, of The Friendly Isles, Tonga, 161, in six.

▶BELFAST . . . The fans at The Ulster Hall saw some short lived excitement, for out of the five bouts on the card, three ended in the first round. The main bout, between Don Martin, Formby, 148¾, and Jim Hamilton, Belfast, 140½, ended in the first with Hamilton on the receiving end, taking five counts before the referee stopped the one sided bout.

Pat Price, Newry, 150, knocked out Billy Riley Bootle, 150¼, in the third. Paddy Kelly, Derry, 127¾, was forced to take four counts before he was knocked by a new comer from Ghana, in the first round. Ray Ashie, 132½, took 1.56 seconds to accomplish this feat. The quickest win of the evening, was the 1.20 knockout scored by Pat Loughran, Belfast, 139¾, over Dick O'Brien, Belfast, 133½. Alex McCready, Conlig, 128, outpointed Billy Adams, Belfast, 122, in six.

▶WALSALL . . . Ebe Mensah, Ghana, 138, defeated Ronnie Rush, Cardiff, 141, who was forced to retire at the end of the fifth, claiming a damaged right hand. Jimmy Robinson, Brownhills, 127, gained a good win when he forced the referee to intervene in his favor to save Fred Wingfield, Nottingham, 123½, from further punishment in the second. Sifa Kivalu, Tonga, 192½, was declared the winner over Clark Mellor, Stockport, 176, who failed to return to the ring within the stipulated ten seconds, after falling through the ropes in the second round.

Earl Reefer, Trinidad, 138¼, outfought Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 138, in a hard six rounds. Steve McManus, Manchester, 145, won on points from Gus Harry, Watford, 145¼, in six. Billy Allport, Walsall, 131½, was declared the winner over Colin Fantom, Derby, 131, in the fourth, when the latter received a badly cut eye.

▶PAISLEY . . . Arthur Donnachie, Greenock, 130½, was too clever for Jim "Spike" McCormack, Belfast, 131½, and gained the referee's decision in eight. John O'Brien, Glasgow, 126½, suffered his first professional defeat when Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, 129, gained a points win at the end of eight interesting rounds. Johnny Kidd, Aberdeen, 134¾, made it seven out of seven, with a first round knockout over Tony McCrorey, Greenock, 135½, in the first.

Alex Ambrose, Glasgow, 114¾, and Mick Barone, Belfast, 112½, battled eight lively rounds with Ambrose winning the referee's decision. David Oved, Israel, 128, improved on his draw against Dave Croll, Dundee, 126¾, by winning clearly the return bout over eight rounds.

▶WEMBLEY . . . Ron Jones, West Ham, 125, outpointed Arthur Devlin, Millwall, 125, in a thrilling eight. Paul Gormley, Canterbury, 161½, showed plenty of promise in his bout with Billy Desmond, Finsbury Park, 163¼, who was knocked out in the fourth, after a hard fought battle. Billy Goodwin, Lambeth, 137, outpointed Ray Nash, Wembley, 136, in six. Reg. Fisher, Leyton, 148½, stopped Micky Davis, Walthamstow, 148¼, in the sixth and last round. Frankie Turner, Camden Town, 135, stopped Carl Davies, Llanelly, 137¾, in the fifth. Peter Anderson, Cricklewood, 148¾, outpointed Duggie Johnson, Glasgow, 145, in six.

▶BAMBURY . . . Barney Beale, Lambeth, 135, was too smart for the hard hitting Burnley lightweight, Derek Clark, 135, and was a clear points winner in eight. Tony French, Woking, 140, outpointed Johnny Kilburn, Leeds, 133, in six. Billy Cornelius, Walworth, 175, won on points against Bob Gillespie, Leeds, 163, in six. Peter Heath, Coventry, 135, outpointed Tony Mulholland, Birmingham, 135, in six. Colin Swancombe, Birmingham, 130, overwhelmed Lew Devro, Birkenhead, 128, and knocked him out in the first.

▶HANLEY . . . Tommy Molloy, Liverpool, 149, had to pull out everything he knew to avoid the punching of Tommy Tagoe, Ghana, 148¾, to gain a points win in eight. Gerry Jones, Wigan, 123, scored a points win over Eric Lord, Bacup, 125, in six. George Eastham, Preston, 152, outpointed Tommy Hartley, Liverpool, 157, in six. Harvey Gratton, Nottingham, 119, outpointed Jimmy Cummings, St. Helens, 113, in four.

▶CARMARTHEN . . . Dick Richardson, Newport, Mon., 203, did a good demoltion job on Maurice Mols, 210½, former French heavyweight champion, who was forced to retire with a badly gashed mouth in the sixth. Len Reece, Cardiff, 114½, was forced to call it a day in the fifth, when he received a badly cut eye. His opponent Gerry Parker, Beeston, 113½, was a lucky winner for he was on the receiving end most of the time.

Redvers Sangoe, Cardiff, 178, was a points winner over Basil Kew, Putney, 181, after a hectic eight. Philip Jones, Cardiff, 121½, looked a good prospect in his bout with Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 123½, and proved a clear points winner in six. Trevor Jinkins, Newport, 133, outclassed Don Lewis, Tredegar for five rounds before referee Bernard Murphy stopped the bout. Tommy Maasebo, Neath, 158, outpointed Peter Perkins, Newport, 160, in six.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(up to April 21, 1958)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Joe Erskine (W)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Dick Tiger (N)	George Barnes (A)
2. Brian London	Johnny Halafihi (To)	Pat McAteer (E)	Boswell St. Louis (T)
3. Joe Bygraves (J)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Clive Stewart (A)	Peter Waterman (E)
4. Dick Richardson (W)	Mike Holt (SA)	Arthur King (C)	Joe N'Gidi (SA)
5. George Chuvalo (C)	Randy Turpin (E)	Yama Bahama (B)	Attu Clottey (G)
6. Henry Cooper (E)	Jack Whittaker (E)	Phil Edwards (W)	Tommy Molloy (E)
7. Kitione Lave (To)	Arthur Howard (E)	Martin Hansen (E)	Jimmy Newman (E)
8. Allen Williams (A)	Sam Langford (N)	Terry Downes (E)	Sandy Manuel (N)
9. Tom Hini (F)	Ron Redrup (E)	Freddie Cross (E)	Paddy Graham (I)
10. Henry Bray (F)	Eddie Wright (E)	Billy McDonnell (A)	Hector Constance (T)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Willie Toweel (SA)	Hogan Bassey (N)	Peter Keenan (S)	Dennis Adams (SA)
2. Dave Charnley (E)	Percy Lewis (T)	Jimmy Carson (I)	Frank Jones (S)
3. Richie Howard (C)	Pete Kawala (C)	Freddy Gilroy (I)	Leen Reece (W)
4. Max Carlos (A)	Johnny Howard (E)	Dick White (A)	Warner Batchelor (A)
5. Ron Hinson (E)	Ayree Jackson (G)	Dai Dower (W)	Malcolm McLeod (E)
6. Russell Sands (A)	Charley Hill (S)	George Bowes (E)	Lloyd Gordon (C)
7. Billy Kelly (I)	Kimpo Amarfio (G)	Graham v. d. Walt (SA)	Bindi Jack (A)
8. George Martin (E)	Roy aJcobs (N)	Billy Rafferty (S)	Ado Garuba (G)
9. George Bracken (A)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	Eric Brett (E)	Ezekial Schole (SA)
10. Johnny Linda (SA)	George Dormer (E)	Terry Spinks (E)	Gerry Parker (E)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales.

▶ BERLIN . . . At the Sportpalast, British & Empire Middleweight Champion, Pat McAteer, 156½, was held to a draw by Hanswerner "Buttje" Wholers, Berlin, 159, in a thrilling ten rounder.

▶ NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . Con Mount Bassie, Jamaica, 128¼, was too forceful for Jim Fisher, Belfast, 129¾, and referee Tommy Little acted wisely in calling a halt in the third to save the game Irishman from further punishment. Johnny Melfah, Ghana, 147½, took 2.39 seconds to plant a short right on the chin of Tommy Keeley, Birkenhead, 149½, in the first round and the latter was unable to hear the count of 10 tolled over him.

Terry Burnett, Cardiff, 147, was a convincing points winner over Kurt Ernest, Exeter, 146, in six. The Welshman continues to show good improvement, and it will not be very long before he will be boxing main bouts. Robbie Wilson, Dagenham, 132, was declared the winner over Cliff Brown, Northampton, 137, when the latter was disqualified in the third round, for the misuse of his head which cut Wilson's eye. Terry Lake, Morden, 144, was an easy points winner over Mike Robbins, Camberwell, 144½, in six.

▶ GLASGOW . . . Peter Keenan, Glasgow, British & Empire Bantamweight Champion, proved that he is the best at his weight in these Isles by handing a first class beating to his local opposition Dick Currie. Referee Frank Wilson, stopped the bout in the tenth and last round to save Currie, who was in a helpless condition unneccessary punishment . . . The timekeeper stated that the bout was stopped with ONE second of the last gong. Both weighed 120 lbs.

Johnny Morrisey, Newarthill, 117¾, gained sweet revenge for his first Professional defeat some four weeks ago, when he hung the K.O. on his victor Antonio Diaz, Spain, 117¾, in the third. If John Caldwell, Belfast, 113, continues to treat his opponents as he did Eddie Barraclough, Rotherham, 113, knocking him out with a combination of head blows, then it wont be long before he will be knocking at the door of whoever holds The British and other Titles. The Irish lad was bronze medal winner at the Melbourne Olympics, and his form was that good that high hopes was held out for him if and when he turned professional. He looks like proving those critics right.

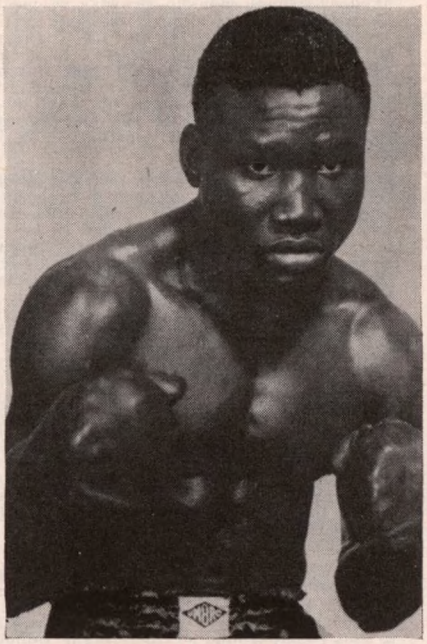
Derry Treanor, Glasgow, 119½, stopped Ken Langford, Slough, 121, in the third. Jack Whittaker, Warrick, 172½, knocked out Dave Mooney, Wishaw, 173¼, with a terrific right to the jaw in the second . . . Glyn Evans, Cardiff, 129, outpointed Jim Ballantyne, Johnston, 127¾, in six.

▶ ISLINGTON . . . Andy Baird, Birmingham, 142¼, stopped Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 141, in the third, the referee intervening after Murphy had taken several counts and was in no condition to continue. Billy Graydon, Stoke Newington, 127¼, did well to outpoint Dennis Saunders, Langley, 129¾, in six.

Billy Keirnan, Hammersmith, 145½, was awarded a points decision over George Davis, Nigeria, 145½, in six. Bob Shillingsford, Romford, 150¼, outpointed Brian Mullins, Acton, 154¾, in an all action six . . . Gordon White, Kennington, 154, knocked out Johnny West, Chiswick, 162, in the first. . . . Johnny Summers, Islington, 137¼, stopped John Sandow, St. Austell, 136¾, in the first.

▶ BELFAST . . . Promoter George Connell was rewarded with a gate of 14,000 at The Kings Hall, Nalmoral. In the main bout, Billy Kelly, Derry, 134, boxed brillianty to outpoint George Martin, formerly of Belfast, but now domiciled in Bermondsey, 134¾. They met in a contest over 12 rounds, the winner to meet Ron Hinson for the right to battle it out with Dave Charnley for the latters British lightweight title. Although Martin boxed above himself, he found Billy Kelly on one of his best days, for whatever move the Irish-come Londoner did he found Kelly ahead of him. It was a classic show by Kelly, who on this showing has a wonderful chance of winning the British TITLE. REFEREE Eugene Henderson, of Glasgow had no hestitation at the end of the contest to raise the hand of Billy Kelly . . . A new Bantamweight sensation was created when Freddie Gilroy, Belfast, 117¼, scored as neat a K.O. as one could wish to see when he planted a left hook to the body of Pierre Cossemyns, 118½, Bantamweight Champion of Belgium, in the fourth round. When it weighed up that The Belgium gave Hogan Bassey, Worlds Featherweight Champion two very good bouts and has never taken the count, then Gilroy's performance is in fact quite a challenge to Peter Keenan for the latter's Titles. This would be a sure winner for Belfast or Glasgow and a record crowd.

Darkie Hughes, Cardiff, 141¾, was awarded a points win over Jimmy Brown, Belfast, 135¼, in eight exciting rounds. David Oved, Israel, 128, turned in a good performance in gaining a points win at the expense of Gil



Dick Tiger of Nigeria became the new British Empire middleweight champion when he knocked out titleholder Pat McAteer in the ninth round at Liverpool, England.

Neill, Belfast, 126½, in eight. The Israeli boxer never put a foot wrong scoring several knockdowns against the skillful Irish featherweight. George Cooper, London, 198½, soon had Paddy Slavin, Belfast, 198½, in trouble with his heavier punching, at the end of the fourth round, Slavin was in sore straits suffering from a badly cut eye and wisely retired.

▶ STREATHAM . . . Dave Charnley, British Lightweight Champion, 137, was in devastating form against Tony Garcia, France, 132¾, dealt out punishment in every round until referee Jack Hart ended the one-sided contest in the fifth. Freddie Cross, Nuneaton, 161, was handed the decision on a platter after Martin Hansen, Liverpool, 160½, had looked all over a points winner. The crowd did not take kindly to the official verdict and voiced its disapproval in no lighthearted manner.

The highlight of the night was the knockout supplied by Terry Spinks, West Ham, 117¾, against Atta Ben Aissa, Bizerta, 116¾, in the seventh round. This was the first appearance of Spinks as a bantamweight, and a mighty good one he turned out to be. I would like to see him matched with the youthful Freddie Gilroy of Belfast, it would be a fistic treat. . . . Ron Warnes, Erith, 142¾, outpointed Kurt Ernest, Exeter, 146½, in six. Billy Graydon, Bethnal Green, 126, outpointed Barry Smith, Dartford, 127¾, in six.

▶ NEWCASTLE . . . Johnny Halifihi, Tonga, 173¼, proved beyond all doubt that he will be thorn in the side of any Cruiserweight if they ever get into the ring with him. He proved that by handing out a first class beating to the tough Nigerian, Sammy Langford, 177, in what can best be described as "The best BAR ROOM fight of The Year". Halifihi was declared the winner on points after ten rounds of furious fighting in which Langford was forced to take three counts

Eddie Burns, Birkemhead, 124, was a narrow points winner over Glyn Evans, Askern, in a spectecular eight. . . . Bob Roberts, Liverpool, 145¼, knocked out Derek Clark, Burnley, 142¼, in the first. . . . Ron Jackson, Newcastle, 147¼, stopped Brian Husband, Hull, 145, in the sixth.

▶ WEMBLEY . . . When Paddy O'Callaghan, Dagenham, 147, planted a right on the jaw of Peter Ratcliffe, Bristol, 146½, in the first round, the fans thought that the bout would come to an early end, they were not disappointed, for Ratcliffe got up to fight back and again was forced to take a long count. He weathered the storm till the gong came to assistance. In the second session, Ratcliffe now completely recovered lead with three straight lefts followed by a right to the jaw and O'Callaghan was sent crashing to the canvas to be counted out.

Tony Ratcliffe, Bristol, 161¼, was not so fortunate as his brother Peter, for he was knocked out in the third by Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 165. Billy Collins, Stepney, 158¾, gained a points decision over Dennis Wingrove, Romford, 162, in six. Gordon White, Kennington, 154, outpointed Peter Anderson, Cricklewood, 149, in six. . . . Ray Nash, Wembley, 135½, outpointed Vic Bower, Hornchurch, 139, in six. . . . Frankie Turner, Camden Town, 135, stopped Terry Griffiths, Bracknell, 132, in the sixth and last round.

▶ GREAT YARMOUTH . . . Byron Hollingsworth, Trinidad, 137, soon found a way to beat The Belfast southpaw, Arty Magill, 137. Body punching was the feature of the coloured boys work, and soon Magill was in a helpless condition and unable to defend himself in the sixth, which forced referee Bill Williams to stop the bout in favor of Hollingsworth. Ian Fraser, Askern, 138, with his southpaw style, puzzled Tony Webster, Norwich, 136¾, for six rounds to score a points win.

Roy Scanlon, Belfast, 133½, knew too much for Roy Tay or, Norwich, 131¾, and the latter was outpointed in six. Terry Lake, Morden, 140½, outpointed Maurice Murfitt, Little Downham, 137, in six. . . . Trevor Wise, Great Yarmouth, 140½, fought hard to outpoint Bob Clarke, Norwich, 146, in six.

▶ BELFAST . . . Gerry Hassett, Belfast, 159½, was awarded a points win over Billy Corbett, Carrickfergus, 159, at the end of eight scrambling rounds. Michael Feeney, Bambridge, 128, scored a mild upset by knocking out Andy Doherty, Derry, 127½, in the fourth. Paddy Kelly, Derry, 128, was too good for George Watson, Belfast, 129, and it came as no surprise when the referee stopped the one sided bout in the second.

Berney Feeney, Bambridge, 125, stopped Billy Adams, Belfast, 121, when the latter was forced to retire with a badly cut eye. Pat Loughran, Belfast, 136¾, outpointed Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 136, in eight.

▶ LEYTON . . . "The Dashing Crashing," Terry Downes, Paddington, 160½, looked like being crashed when he met Ben Salah Farhat, Tunisia, 161, in a scheduled eight. . . . In the second and fourth rounds, Downes was sent down for counts from the fists of The Tunisian, and the end seemed in sight, but a fight is never lost while Downes is on his feet. He got up to fight back and have the fans shouting themselves hoarse. After the knock down in the fourth, Downes fought back with such terrific force that he had Farhat in difficulties at the gong. As the round started for the fifth, Downes was over in his opponents corner dealing out severe punishment with every punch in the book. Referee Bill Williams seeing the plight that the Tunisian was in, intervened in favor of Downes. Neville Rowe, Australia, 177, and Ron Redrup, West Ham, 168¼, fought a thrilling eight to a draw. . . . Lennis Booty, Stepney, 160½, was forced to retire at the end of the second round against Harry Doddo, Ghana, 158½, owing to a badly cut eye. Johnny Berry, Harlesden, 161¼, outpointing Billy Collins, Stepney, 160½, in a hard fought six. Eddie Hughes, Lambeth, 141½, stopped Tony Webster, Great Yarmouth, 138½, in the fourth.

▶ PRESTON . . . Don Martin, Formby, 149¼, stepped up a class by scoring a surprise points win over Jackie Butler, 148¼, in eight thrilling rounds. It looked all over in the first round when George Easthan, Preston, 151, planted a right on the jaw of Tommy Hartley, Liverpool, 153, taking a count of eight the Liverpool lad came back fighting to lose on points at the end of six exciting rounds.

Jimmy Longton, Chorley, 161, outpointed Ray Ward, Manchester, 163, in six. . . . Owen Feathers, Accrington, 156¾, stopped Al Smith, Nelson, 157, in the first. Johnny Boston, Blackburn, 114½, outpointed Jimmy Cummings, St. Helens, 114, in four . . . Tommy Weston, Preston, 141, outpointed Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 139½, in four.

▶ EPSOM . . . Alf Drew, Hackney, 131, boxed cleverly to gain a points win over Malcolm Ames, Croydon, 131¼, in eight. Dennis Read, Norwood, 156½, easily outpointed Eddie Williams, Tredegar, 158½, in eight.

Brian Mullins, Acton, 153½, stopped Gordon White, Kennington, 156½, in the second. Joe Pyle, Carshalton, 156½, was a clear points winner over Joe Somerville, Berkhemstead, 156½, after hard fought rounds. Jimmp McDonagh, Croydon, 170, outpointed Malcolm Affleck, Guilford, 173, in six. Earl Reefer, Trinidad, 136, outpointed Terry Griffiths, Bracknell, 132½, in six.

▶ HULL . . . Jack London, Blackpool, 177, boxed his way to a points win over the slugging of Redvers Sangoe, Cardiff, 170, in eight . . . Eric Brett, Retford, 118, and Dennis East, Plaistow, 120, put up a splendid scrap for eight rounds with honors going to Brett. Alan Peacock, Hull, 170, former

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IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

REVERE—ROLLAWAY ARENA—JOE DEVLIN, 153, JAMAICA PLAIN, registered a tko victory over Danny Jones, 146¾, New York, when the latter was unable to answer the bell for the sixth round. Jones was badly battered and staggering as he went to his corner at the end of the fifth round. Devlin, a Walpole State Prison guard, scored his 11th straight win.

Cardell Farmos, 176½, Boston, battled to a draw in the eighth round co-feature with his fellowtownsman, Bad Willie Gray, 181½. Solomon McTier, 205, Montgomery, Ala., punched out a decision over Don Jackson, 196, Brooklyn, in a six rounder. Gordon Parker, 136½, Athol, a likely looking prospect, decisioned Angelo Vasquez, 139½, Hartford, Conn., in four rounds. Bob Shaughnessy, 122¾, Roxbury, flattened Dom DeBarros, 126, Boston, in the first round of a four spot.

▶BOSTON—Mechanic's Building—Rory Calhoun, 159¾, White Plains, N. Y., had his hands full eking out a decision over Randy Sandy, 158¼, New York, in the ten round feature. Sandy used a snaky left hand to advantage and was faster than his harder hitting rival. Calhoun scored often enough to warrant the decision.

Barry Allison, 149½, Springfield, successfully defended his New England middleweight title against the previously unbeaten Tony Veranis, 148, Dorchester, by gaining a ten round decision. Undefeated Jimmy Kelly, 130½, Lowell, over-powered Johnny Juliano, 135, Hartford, whom he stopped in the seventh round of a third ten round bout. Joe DeNucci, 162, Newton, another undefeated fighter, kept his record intact but was hard pressed in his eight rounder with Jackson Brown, 154½, Dorchester.

▶REVERE—Rollaway Arena—Cardell Farmos, 170, Boston, racked up his eighth straight win by upsetting the more experienced Burke Emery, 163, Sherbrooke, Canada, in their eight rounder. Farmos belabored his lanky foe with a persistent body attack.

Bob Berdahl, 158½, Dorchester, returned to the ring wars after an absence of several months with a two round kayo over Kenny Stokes, 158, Boston, in the six round semi-final. Bob Barrett, 140, Dorchester, halted Angelo Vasquez, 139½, Hartford, Conn., in the fifth of another six spot. Promising Al Rose, 150, Brookline, took three rounds to batter Pedro Castillo, 146, Hartford, into submission.

▶HOLYOKE—Valley Arena—Carmelo Costa, 135, Brooklyn, made his first appearance since being discharged from the army a winning one by copping a ten round decision over Iggy Maldonado, 131, Puerto Rico. Costa was overweight and rusty but had enough class to win over his eager, aggressive foe.

Kid Chick, 122, Southwick, punched out a decision over Efrain Santiago, 127, Puerto Rico, in a six round brawl. Robbie Robbins, 184, Westover AFB, spoiled the debut of Tommy Kelliher, 236, Granby, by stopping him in the second round of a four spot. The other fours were also abbreviated: Billy Carroll, 130½, Keene, N. H., displayed some nice punching in flattening Jimmy Destry, 130, Manchester, Conn., in the second round; and Nick Procak, 145, New York, annihilated an inept Dave Harvey, 150, Ludlow, in two heats.

▶REVERE—Rollaway Arena—Dick Hall, 160½, Boston, needed only one punch, a left hook, the fight of the fight to knockout Gene Hamilton, 159¾, New York, in the first round of their scheduled eight round main event.

Bob Berdahl, 158¼, Dorchester, flattened Sammy Marino, 151½, New York, in the first round of the six round semi-final. Gordon Parker, 136, Athol, slugged out a decision over Johnny Taylor, 138, New York, in six heats. Bob Shaughnessy, 121¾, Roxbury, decisioned Mario Rodriguez, 120, Boston, in four rounds. Rodriguez was billed as Kid Pancho. Red Davis, 132, Dorchester, started the one round knockout parade by belting out Eddie Ross, 135, Roxbury, in the opener.

▶BOSTON—Garden—Jimmy Kelly, 132½, 19 year old Greek with an Irish moniker, topped Sam Silverman's St. Patrick Day show, by battering Jimmy Connors, 130, New Bedford, into helplessness in the sixth round of the feature ten rounder. Kelly tore after his foe from the opening bell. Connors battled him toe to toe but did not have the power or stamina to match Kelly's pace. Referee Eddie Bradley halted the bout when Connors was helpless and no longer able to continue.

Joe DeNucci, 164, 18 year old Newton high school student, landed one of the hardest punches ever seen in the Garden. Well ahead on points in the sixth round DeNucci crossed a right to the jaw of Jackson Brown, 157½, Dorchester, to fell him as though pole axed. The bell came to Brown's rescue but he was unable to answer the bell for the seventh round. Joe Devlin, 150½, Jamaica Plain, counter punched his way to a three round kayo over Tony Veranis, 148, Dorchester, Veranis was down in every round. Billy Ryan, 172, Lowell, changed his mind about retiring and returned to the ring to whip Bad Willie Gray, 180, Boston, in a ten rounder.

▶PROVIDENCE—Arcadia—Charley Norkus, 197¾, Newark, N. J., avenged a kayo defeat scored over him by Oliver Wilson, 195, Hartford, Conn., last month, but had to be content with a decision win in ten rounds. Norkus was the complete master in this fray. He dropped Wilson twice in the second and seventh rounds, and, in general, had too much ring savvy for his younger hard hitting foe. Wilson was content to counterpunch but his efforts were too slow. On a few occasions he took the offensive and fared better.

Joe DiPerro, 146, Woonsocket, stopped Johnny Long, 145, Newark, in the second round of a six spot. Walter Dolan, 151½, Newark, outscored Freddy LaNinfa, 151, Providence, also in six heats. Don Vincent, 147, Providence, was too experienced for Tony Liquori, 143, Agawam, Mass., and captured their four rounder. George Walker, 139½, Providence, a promising youngster, whipped Psalm Johnson, 136, Hartford, in four heats.

▶REVERE—Rollaway Arena—Bob Berdahl, 154½, Dorchester, had an easy time scoring his 11th knockout in 13 consecutive victories by belting out Joe Greene, 162, Brooklyn, in the second round of their eight rounder. Greene was on the floor twice in the first round.

Cardell Farmos, 176½, Boston, was awarded an unpopular eight round decision over Dennis McCann, 184, Hartford, Conn., in the co-feature. Gordon Parker, 136½, Athol, was hard pressed in winning a six round decision over Senie Davis (who will in the future box under his own name of Psalm Johnson) 134, Hartford. Bob Barrett, 141¼, Dorchester, punched out a win over Johnny Bradley, 143, New York, in six pleasing rounds. Red Davis, 130¼, Dorchester, outpointed Lionel Butler, 130, New York, in the four round opener.

▶HOLYOKE—Valley Arena—Willie Pep, 130½, Hartford, former world's featherweight champion garnered a unanimous decision over Prince Johnson, 130½, Trenton, N. J., in the ten round feature. Johnson waged a boring in type of battle that bothered Pep and managed to score frequently with telling punches. Pep had to rally in the final two rounds to nail down the win, even then, many of the fans felt that Johnson had earned the nod.

Aaron Wilson, 192, Knoxville, Tenn., was awarded a tko win when Eli Rogalle, 206½, New York, when the latter suffered a bruised thumb in the third round of the six round semi-windup. Al King, 133, Southington, Conn., impressed in his pro debut when he stopped Billy Carroll, 131¾, Keene, N. H., in the first round of a four. Psalm Johnson, 135, Hartford, ruined the comeback of Young Sharkey, 137½, Holyoke, by whipping him in a four spot. Robbie Robbins, 183, Westover AFB, trounced Elviata Brown, 196, New York, in the four rounder that opened the show.

▶PROVIDENCE — Arcadia—Curtis Bruce, 162½, Newark, a big favorite with R. I. fans, snapped Dick Hall's unbeaten streak at 20 when he won on a fifth round tko. Hall, 161, Boston, suffered a dislocated left shoulder in the third round but fought thru the fourth before he had to yield to the pain. Hall had an edge in the first round but Bruce took over and was in command at the termination of the bout.

Joe DiPierro, 146, Woonsocket, scored knockdowns in the third and fourth rounds before felling Cisco Halley, 150, Providence, in the seventh round for keeps in the eighth round semi-final. Young Beau Jack, 157½, Boston, was too sharp for Rusty Davis, 155, Providence, and took the decision in their six rounder. Tony Liquori, 144, now making Providence his home, halted Bob Cefalo, 147½, Everett, Mass., in the first of a four. Willie Green, 157, Providence, flattened Bill Kennedy, 162½, Norwalk, Conn., also in the first of the four round curtain raiser.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

HARTFORD—BILLY LYNCH, WHOM THIS WRITER HAS pegged as one of the five best welterweights in the country, racked up his 17th straight victory and his 36th win in 39 starts, in defeating Ike Jenkins of New York in a 10 round feature bout at the Foot Guard Hall. Opening fast, Lynch proved at the outset he was going to be the boss all the way by dropping Jenkins in the very first round. There after it was a case of purely survival for Jenkins. Jenkins weighed in at 149 to Lynch's 146.

In a 6 round semi-final bout, Jimmy Monts, 166, Hartford, a stablemate's of Lynch's, looked real good in defeating Willie Eaton, 165, New Haven, in a fast and rugged bout. The rest of the card was composed of good semi-pro bouts. Max Muravnick was the referee and the gate was well under one thousand dollars with less than 500 fans in attendance.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By Billy Shaw

TELEPROMPTER TELECASTS OF THE ROBINSON-BASILIO FIGHT IN Chicago, were staged in Rochester and Syracuse, by Promoter Norm Rothschild. Live preliminary bouts were presented before the telecasts. Rothschild drew a total of $66,900 with the two shows. The Rochester program was put on at the Community War Memorial, while the Syracuse show was held at the huge State Fair Grounds Coliseum. A total of 12,800 fans attended the two promotions. Rothschild is the first man in boxing history to combine live boxing with a world's championship fight telecast.

The Rochester Robinson-Basilio telecast lured 5,600 fans who laid it on the line to the tune of $29,400. The bout was cast on 4-screens, size 16ft. X 20ft. Results of the prelims follow—Irish Billy Cronin, Binghamton, defeated Dick Shields, Rochester, (4), 147 pounds. Tommy Holmes, Binghamton outpointed Ray Swisher, Rochester, (4), 147 pounds. Tommy DellaRocca, Rochester, stopped Mike Pinelli, Buffalo, (1), 150 pounds. Larry Zernitz, New Haven, Conn., TKO'd Bob Biehler, Rochester, (5) cut eye. Heavyweights. Final—Buddy Jackson, Springville decisioned Jimmy Kelley, Trenton, N. J. (8) 147 pounds.

▶In Syracuse, a crowd of 7,200 paid $37,646 to see the Robinson-Basilio telecast and live bouts. The title fracas was also shown on 4 screens. Many agreed with Referee Frank Sikora, Basilio had won. Many took offense at some of Bill Corum's remarks over the loud speakers as Basilio, handicapped with one eye closed, still forced the fight. Fans of this section really love Carmen. They cheered every punch he landed on the shifty, Robinson. Al Simmons, classy local 132 pounder, shelled out an easy win over Carl Scroeder, 132½, Rome, in (4). Lee Bohles, 130, Buffalo, defeated Bernie Jones, 128¾, Buffalo, in a stormy (6). Moses (Kid) Walker, 177¾, slick Syracuse sharpshooter, belted Bobby Bowls, 180, Buffalo to win in (4). Charlie Alba, 146, Syracuse, stopped Jackie Houghey, 144, Watkins Glen (3). Cut eye. Irish Jackie Donnelly, 133, free swinging Buffalo Celt halted Tommy Brown, 134½, Utica, (3). Jimmy Watkins, 152, Buffalo, took the nod over Heywood Johnson, 153¾, Philadelphia, in a rough (8).

▶In the last pro boxing card at the War Memorial for 3 months, due to the invasion of the American Bowling Congress, Joey Lopes, Sacramento lightweight, punched out a ten round win over Damasco Collazo, Cuban boxer. The fight was fast but Collazo, undefeated in 15 previous outings made a disappointing showing. Damasco seemed too tense, too respectful of Lopes as he retreated in every round, fighting only in brief spurts. Lopes looked good as he clobbered the Cuban at will. A slim turnout of 784 paid only $1,376 to view the nationally televised scrap. Collazo was a last minute replacement for Paolo Rosi, who withdrew with an infected heel.

In a thrilling finale, Tommy Della Rocca, 159, Binghamton, halted Obie Spencer, 165, Syracuse, in the fourth round. This was a rare encounter. First one then the other was rubbery legged, on the way out. The Triple Cities roughneck finally chilled the local deaf-mute slugger, with a vicious right swing to the chin. Wally (Young Kid Chocolate) Livingston, 126, Trenton, N. J., met a tartar in Lee Bohles, 127, veteran Buffalo boxer, and lost a six round decision. Gene Tortorice, 145, Niagara Falls, got an unexpected present in the form of an unearned duke over Jimmy Kelley, 142, Trenton, N. J., in a slashing six. All the officials needed were masks as they really "robbed" Kelley of a victory. Tommy Holmes, 148½, Binghamton, punched his way to a four round triumph over Henry Berry, 150, long legged local clouter.

▶Midge Mangicaro's classy light-heavyweight, Moses (Kid) Walker, stopped Zeke Long, 174, Buffalo, in the third heat. Al Simmons, 133, Syracuse won, but lost! Simmons, a brilliant looking young boxer from the Irv Robbins stable, shelled Dan Livingston, 133, Trenton, to a Queen's taste, but the officials ruled in favor of Livingston, which brought forth a torrent of booes and catcalls.

RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA

By Ray Mitchell

CLIVE STEWART DID IT—HE KNOCKED OUT BILLY McDONNELL in the eleventh round to take the Australian middleweight title. A packed house at Melbourne saw McDonnell bravely trying to hang on to his title, but to no avail. Stewart was too strong and too persistent. After winning the first round, Billy did not win another as Stewart took charge of the fight.

In the eighth, Clive turned on the pressure and had McDonnell down for a long count. But Billy weaved, gritted his teeth and stayed on his pins after the knockdown until the bell ended hostilities for another minute.

Stewart went further ahead in the ninth, put on a bit more pressure in the tenth and pulled out all the stops in the eleventh. A barrage of punches put McDonnell on the canvas for the full count.

▶ There was a sensational finish to the Russell Sands-Tommy Romulo fight at Sydney Stadium. Sands was boxing rings around the Filipino for five rounds. Then, in the sixth, he came out from his corner with his chin out and hands cocked to try to knock out Romulo. The roof fell in on Sands. Romulo, who had been outclassed, yet never near being knocked out, can punch! Sands went down. He got up, went down again—and for the rest of the round, Russell was up and down like a busy elevator. Four times he hit the deck. Each time he was out and each time he recovered sufficiently to climb to his feet, but not sufficiently to counteract the Filipino's cool, hard punching. Russell still was dazed at the beginning of the seventh and Romulo, taking his time, positioned Sands for the knockout, which came in that round. The next day Sands was examined by a doctor, who pronounced he had pneumonia and pleurisy.

▶ In Melbourne, Romulo met Max Carlos, our other leading contender for the Australian lightweight title. Carlos took no chances and boxed around Romulo to win the verdict over the Filipino by a vast points margin. The crowd, which was large, appreciated Carlos' clever boxing and Romulo's persistency and heavy hitting, even though he never shook Carlos.

▶ At Melbourne Stadium, Franco Rosini, who figured in a disgraceful "fight" with Russell Sands a few months ago when Rosini ran away all night, gained an upset points win over the Australian lightweight champion, George Bracken. Not only was it an upset, but the decision astounded all present. The hooting was prolonged and police had to disperse the irate crowd. However, no riot occurred. Even the Italian fans, who are so partisan, could not concede victory to their countryman after the fight.

Rosini met Filipino Severino Fuentes at the same stadium three weeks later and the Italian ran out a points winner after the dullest contest seen in Melbourne for a long time.

▶ Broken Hill Stadium is going in full swing again. Sammy Bonnici, Maltese southpaw lightweight, now domiciled in Australia, won over Johnny Short in the third round when Short suffered a cut eye. Bonnici had command of the fight from the start.

A week later Bonnici was in action again, this time against Lou Francis, also a southpaw. Again Bonnici won inside the distance when Francis had to retire in the tenth round owing to an eye cut. Again, too, Bonnici had command of the fight and never was in danger of losing.

A week later Sammy fought again in the same stadium and outpointed Alf O'Sullivan comfortably. Ten days later, Bonnici met Filipino Emil Tinde at Sydney Stadium. Tinde came here with a reputation as a fighter and a puncher. On his showing against Bonnici, he wouldn't get a six-round prelim at the Stadium next time. Referee Vic Patrick stopped it in the seventh, giving the light-hitting Bonnici a KO win. There wasn't a knockdown, but a fighter can take just so much without return.

▶ Billy Todd and Billy Stanley met at Sydney Stadium over the 15-round course. The bout was advertised as being for the Australian welter title, but don't believe it. George Barnes, who holds the Empire crown, holds the Australian title, too. The Todd-Stanley bout was a return. They met in January, when, after a very good fight, Stanley won by a knockout. This time, the fight was poor and Todd won on points. Maybe it was ironic that this bout fell on the eleventh anniversary of one of the greatest fights ever seen in Australia—the Tommy Burns (Australian welter champion at the time) versus O'Neill Bell fight. Bell fought the fight of his life that March 3, 1947 and so did Burns, who won by a knockout in the eleventh round. Bell had several fights in Australia and lost only two—both by knockout. Apart from Burns, the only man to beat Bell here was the late Dave Sands, who won by a knockout in two rounds.

▶ Billy Lawrence, Australian fight trainer, has been in New Zealand for the last couple of months and is still there. He took two of his boys over: Don Barnes, welter young brother of George, and Charlie Smith, lightweight. Each fought and each won by a knockout, Barnes over Ken Anderson and Smith over Morrie Homan.

Billy is finding it difficult to get welters into the ring with Don since that win, but he had Smith matched with the New Zealand lightweight champion, Joe McNally. However, McNally suffered a cut eye in the gym and Ken Anderson was substituted. Smith built up for the fight and won by knockout over Anderson in the ninth—the same round that Barnes scored his KO over Anderson.

Lawrence set over to Australia for his other Australian rated fighter, Brian Bennett, who beat the New Zealand featherweight champion, Billy Leckie in the Shaky Isles last year.

▶ Harry Castle and Peter Bothe turned on a war at Sydney Stadium with the tide of fortunes see-sawing from one to the other. Bothe seemed to be on top half way through, but he could not stand the wear and tear as well as Castle, who scored a knockout win in the ninth round. Each weighed a few pounds over the middleweight limit.

▶ Lightweight, Stan Hayward outpointed George Flemming in a good fight at Casino, NSW, and a week later he halted Laurie Gordon in the sixth round at Kyogle.

▶ In a ten-round support to the Bonnici-Tinde fight at Sydney Stadium, featherweight Gordon Bell made it three wins in a row when he stopped Darcy Carr at the end of the eighth. Carr, a brilliant boxer, is highly rated here and Bell, who once occupied the number one contender spot in the featherweight division, then slid down the scale, now comes back among the first four Australian feathers.

▶ Have just read a book entitled: "Below The Belt" and written by former boxer, Little Nene. It is a good book and pulls no punches as it tells of boxing in the Far East.

▶ That is all for this month. My address is: 23 Milburn Rd., Gymea, N.S.W., Australia.

"He Can't Hurt You, Champ!"

By C. TED SMITH

It was a night to remember.
The man, it appeared, must go down
And the boy was to become the master
To wear the heavyweight crown.

Tired gloves touched for the final round;
Then suddenly a left hand lead
Jolted the kid's curly head back
His nose flattened, started to bleed.

The kid's eyes were glazed;
Stunned, he gave age another try.
The man brought the mob to its feet
With a bone crushing blow to the eye.

It electrified the pro-champ crowd
Gave them something to cheer.
"Kill him," someone shouted out loud.
The kid blinked, his eyes started to tear.

They swayed and they rocked
They clinched, while the mob went wild.
The champ was coming back from oblivion,
He might overcome the child.

"Break 'em up, you dirty bum,
Whatcha' trying to do?"
The ref' jolted by the vicious hum
Stepped between them, parted the two.

"Stab him," a kid-rooter cried.
The challenger's vision was dark;
The champ was swinging from instinct
Frantic punches finding their mark.

The kid's fall was a unified magnet
Pulling the mad eyed crowd.
In T. V. theatres all over the land
They were screaming just as loud.

The champ was in a neutral corner,
The challenger on the floor
Turning, rolling from side to side,
Trying to come back for more.

A wavering knee lifted
Left the mat an instant before ten.
The man came forward to meet him;
The result was in doubt again.

NEW JERSEY BOXING

By Lew Eskin

RAMBLING AROUND: HORACE E. GAUSEPHOL OF BLOOMFIELD WAS NAMED chief inspector for the New Jersey State Athletic Commission.

The first round of the New Jersey State AAU championships found the following advance to the semi-finals: Ed Gorman of Paterson in the 125-pound class; Tom Wooten of Newark in 132-pound class; Roy Collins of Plainfield and Melvin Neal of Montclair in the 139-pound class; John Culver and Elijah Montgomery of Newark in the 156-pound class and Joe Louis Dews of East Orange and Perry Parks Jr. of Orange in the 165-pound class.

▶ Paterson Armory: The new scoring system which finds the round method aided by a point method was used for the first time in the state welterweight title bout between Stefan Redl of Passaic and Johnny Digilio of Bayonne. With the new system the winner of a round, instead of getting a plus, is given from one to 3 points. No points are given on an even round, and when a round is lost on a foul the winner receives one point plus the round.

There was no need for points as Redl, 145½, pursued his swift rival for the full 12 rounds and gained the nod from referee Paul Cavalier by a 8-2-2 count. Digilio, 147, seemed more interested in staying the limit than in winning and thus Steve had to make the fight all the way. He hurt his man in the closing rounds, but Johnny was too ringwise to be kayoed.

In the semi-final, Eddie (Young) Armstrong, 139¾, Elizabeth, scored an impressive win as he halted Ronnie Blackman, 133¼, New York City, in the fifth round. Harry Ball, 175½, Yorkville, N.Y.C., punched too hard for game Danny Rooney, 169½, Garfield, and stopped him in the third.

Tony Pio, 143, Paterson southpaw, halted Willie Joe Johnson, 141, New York, in 1:05 of the second; Danny Logan, 184, Paterson, kayoed Sam Edwards, 189½, Bayonne, in the second and Henry Wallitch, 182, New York, closed fast to edge out Allie Tondo, 181, Suffern, N. Y., in the opening four.

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BOXING WEIGHTS

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Flyweight Class—112 pounds
Junior Bantamweight Class—115 pounds
Bantamweight Class—118 pounds
Junior Featherweight Class—122 pounds
Featherweight Class—126 pounds
Junior Lightweight Class—130 pounds
Lightweight Class—135 pounds
Junior Welterweight Class—140 pounds
Welterweight Class 147 pounds
Middleweight Class—160 pounds
Light Heavyweight Class—175 pounds
Heavyweight Class—All over 175 pounds

Thus the Commission Class was eliminated and termed the Light Heavyweight. Ten years after the New York Commission took over boxing, it voted to drop junior classes and this procedure was followed by all other boxing bodies that had accepted the divisions.

When William Muldoon was a member of the New York Commission, he had a rule passed inaugurating a Super-Heavyweight class in which all boxers over 190 pounds were classified in a separate division. This group did not last long since it was not universally accepted.

LIMIT FOR DEMPSEY-FITZ BOUT SET AT 154

When Bob Fitzsimmons first came to America from Australia and accepted a fight with Arthur O. Upham for the Audobon Athletic Club of New Orleans, he sought to have the weight set at 156 pounds at 3 o'clock, but the club and Upham insisted that he would have to weigh in an hour before fight time at the then limit of 154 pounds. He agreed and stopped Upham in the fifth round.

Then came his title bout for the middleweight championship with Nonpareil Jack Dempsey, January 14, 1891 and again the weight stipulated was 154, but this time, Fitzsimmons was required to make it ringside weight. Since Bob was 5 feet 11¾ inches tall, Dempsey's handlers figured he would have trouble making that weight but they were aghast when he stepped on the scales and weighed only 150½ while Dempsey tipped the beam at 147½. Thus the champion really was a welterweight defending his middleweight crown against an opponent who was close to what today would be the welterweight limit.

So it was in the old days. When George Dixon fought Tommy Kelly on May 10, 1888 in Boston for what was then advertised and recognized as the world bantamweight title fight, George weighed 105 pounds and Kelly 104¾. Dixon stopped Kelly in 9 rounds and immediately, Tom O'Rourke, his manager, raised the division weight to 110 pounds and later to 112 and finally to 115. Now it is 118.

Against Nunc Wallace of England, June 27, 1890, in a bantam title bout, Dixon came in at 112 and his opponent, at 113 pounds.

In his featherweight title defense in New Orleans during the three days ring carnival in which Jack McAuliffe stopped Billy Myer in the fifteenth round; James J. Corbett stopped John L. Sullivan in the twenty-first round and Jack Skelly was halted by Dixon in the eighth round, Dixon barely made the required weight of 118 pounds, while Skelly scaled 116½.

Dixon had to get on the scales three times before making it. George at the time was the world featherweight king, Tom O'Rourke, his manager, set the weight limit for that affair at 118 pounds whereas today it is 126.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

(Continued from page 61)

Imperial Services Champion, received a tremendous reception when he entered the ring in his first appearance in his home town. Peacock showed good promise in gaining a points decision over Johnny Hunt, Birkenhead, 175.

Pancho Bhatachaji, India, 112½, stopped Alex Ambrose, Glasgow, 113¼, in the second after the latter had received a badly cut eye. Jim Daly, Canning Town, 147, outpointed Bob Roberts, Nigeria, 147, in a sizzling six. Ted Buck, Nottingham, 166, received the points decision at the end of a swinging match of six rounds against Johnny Latur, Tonga, 157.

▶HAVARFORDWEST . . . Tom Williams Cardiff, 129, outpointed Len Harvey, Cardiff, formerly of Trinidad, 128, in eight exciting rounds . . . Billy Whitfield, Cardiff, 129, stopped Maurice Daniels, Cardiff, formerly of Trinidad, 128, in the second. Tommy Massebo, Neath, 160, was points winner over Rowland Hicks, Cardiff, 154, in six. Eddie Bee, Cardiff, 154, stopped Johnny Plenty, Bristol, 156, in the second. . . Bryn Phillips, Fishguard, 147, outpointed Danny Larty, Ghana, 149, in six.

▶WEMBLEY . . . Peter Hill, Leyton, 138, and Ray Nash, Wembley, 136, battled it out even for six rounds to a draw. A cut eye terminated the bout between Billy Collins, Stepney, 153¼, and Ron Garnett, Earlsfield, 154, in the fifth, the sufferer was Collins and the referee stopped the bout in favor of Garnett.

Paul Gormley, Canterbury, 161¾, continues his hard punching victories up the ladder of fame. His opponent, Billy Desmond, Finsbury Park, 162½, was down for two counts in the third before the referee intervened in favor of the promising Gormley. Billy Cornelius, Lambeth, 175½, outpointed Johnny Bourke, Action, 182, in a hard hitting six.

Johnny Summers, Islington, 138, stopped Frankie Turner, Camden Town, 135, in the third. Gordon White, Kennington, 158½, reverced a previous defeat with a four round Knockout over Brian Mullins, Acton, 154 . . . Teddy Young, South Africa, 150, stopped George Jeffreys, Kilburn, 149¾, in the sixth and final round.

▶BIRMINGHAM . . . Terry Toole, Hackney, 118, proved to heavy a task for British Flyweight Champion, Frank Jones of Scotland, and weight was a deciding factor. Jones was clearly outpointed in their eight round contest . . . Tony Ratcliffe, Bristol, 162, knocked Ron Vale, Leamington, 159½ through the ropes with a heavy right to the jaw in the third round, and as the latter was unable to re-enter the ring in the specified ten seconds Ratcliffe was declared the winner by a knockout. Peter Heath, Coventry, 138½, knocked out Terry Griffiths, Ascot, 132, in the first. . . . Tony French, Working, 142½, outpointed Dave Auld, Leicester, 140, in six.

Maxie Earle, Doncaster, 196, stopped Ray Evans, Birmingham, 218, in the second. Cliff Brown, Northampton, 142½, cleverly outpointed Terry Banning, Warwick, 141, in six.

▶DERBY . . . Derek Liversidge, Retford, 155½, flew home from Germany where he is stationed with The British Army, to box Eddie Williams, Tredegar, 159. Derek gave a polished performance to score a points victory in eight. Colin Moore, Derby, 147, outpointed Gerry Bedford, Pontefract, 144½, in eight . . . Cyril Bates, Retford, 148, stopped Johnny Mercer, Nottingham, 145½, in the fourth. Ted Buck, Retford, 163½, outpointed Ray Ward, Manchester, 163, in six . . . Billy Alport, Walsall, 130½, outpointed, Johnny Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 132½, in six.

▶ERLS COURT . . . Dick Richardson, Newport, 203, had no one to blame but himself for being ruled out in the fourth round of his bout with Cleveland Williams of America, 208½. In the very first round referee Frank Wilson cautioned Richardson for the misuse of his head. In the opening session, Willams put Richardson on the canvas for a brief count, but after that, The Welshman gave as much as he received, and after being cautioned again in the fourth for the same offence, within seconds he did the very same thing which caused The Referee to stop the bout and send Richardson back to his corner, disqualified for the misuse of his head. The crowd voiced its disapproval in no light-hearted manner at the referee's decision.

Vic Toweel, South Africa, British Empire Lightweight Champion, 136, and Fernand Nollet, Martinque, 134¼, fought ten rounds at a fast pace with neither giving ground, and the spectators were treated to a lively set-to. The decision of referee Bill Williams that Toweel had done enough was received with a mixed reception . . . The highlight of the show was the appearance of THE WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, Floyd Patterson, to box an exhibition with his American sparring partner, Dusty Rhodes . . . The large crowd gave THE CHAMP a rousing reception, and in a speech, he told the fans, it would be his pleasure to come back in the near future and defend his title in Great Britain.

Len Reece, Cardiff, 114¾, stopped Eddie O'Connor, Dublin, 114, in the second . . . George Dormer, East Ham, 124, was given a hard bout over eight rounds before he was declared the winner over John O'Brien, Glasgow, 126½ . . . Ron King, Walworth, 160, outpointed Dudley Cox, Bournemouth, 160¾, in six.

Boxing has lost one of its greatest reporters when Trevor Wignall passed away at the age of 75. He knew everyone in the fight game, and was for many years Sports Editor of The Daily Express. MAY HIS DEAR SOUL REST IN PEACE.

▶LIVELPOOL . . . Dick Tiger, Nigeria, is the new British Empire Middleweight Champion. Tiger won this title by knocking out the holder, Pat McAteer, Birkenhead, in the ninth round with a terrific left hook that landed on Pats nose. Tiger lived up to his name, for he was ferocious from the start scoring with heavy hooks to the head that had the clever boxing of McAteer all at sea.

Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, knocked out Gil Neill, Belfast, in the fifth of a featherweight contest . . . Billy Ellaway, Birkenhead, outpointed John Woolard, Glasgow, in an eight round middleweight bout.

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COLORADO BOXING
By Alan Laythorpe

AFTER A LAPSE OF FIVE MONTHS, PROFESSIONAL boxing appeared back on the scene in Denver when hulking Nino Valdes of Cuba, the 10th ranked heavyweight contender, punched out a controversial split decision win over Wayne Bethea of New York.

Co-promoters Joe Dupler and Joe Leher had been trying to match the winner (Valdes) of this bout with champion Floyd Patterson but after the slow moving display put up by Valdes in gaining the loudly booed decision chances are the championship bout went down the drain.

Valdes, 206, dropped Bethea, the seventh ranked contender and slight underdog here, for a four count with a left hook in the seventh round for the only knockdown of the dull battle.

Approximately 2500 fans voiced their dislike for the display of the two ranking battlers with a vigorous chorus of catcalls and boos after each of the final four rounds.

Referee Don Perko continually warned the fighters for more action and in the fifth session was heard telling them to "make a fight of it or face getting suspended".

The Cuban opened the first round with a long-range jabbing attack to win the frame but Bethea's close in, crowding attack and left hooks seemed to give him a slight edge most of the way.

Bethea's best round was the sixth when he staggered Valdes with a stiff overhand right but the Cuban held on to stay out of further trouble. The punch, did however, cause a slight swelling over the Cubans left eye.

Perko gave the fight to Bethea by a 47-45 count but the two judges, Joe Ullmer and Ray Keech, turned in identical cards in favor of Valdes, scoring the battle, 47-46.

In the preliminaries Joe Parks, 140, Omaha, was too strong for Rueben Santisteven, 138, Walsenburg, Colo., and won a unanimous six-round decision. Santisteven, prior to his recent army hitch, fought under the name of Santiago Esteban.

Another Omaha fighter, welterweight Reggie Hughes, had little trouble whipping an out of shape Benny Montoya, 145, Walsenburg in another six. Hughes, weighing 146, took a unanimous decision.

In the opening four-rounder Joe Louis Adair, 160, Wichita, copped an easy win from Denver's Irving Thatch, 164.

NORTHWESTERN REPERCUSSIONS
By Hugh Sutton

BOISE, IDAHO:—ROUQUE MARAVILLA, THE HARD PUNCHING heavyweight from Nampa, shortened the 20-round main event by fourteen rounds, when he dropped Billy Lanza, Seattle, for the fatal toll in :56 of the sixth round.

Lanza and Maravilla started slow in the opening three rounds and then Maravilla stepped up the tempo and Lanza seemed to start sagging badly and coughing during his one-minute rest period. At the end of the fifth Lanza was ill and all the steam seemed to have evaporated from the body punches Maravilla had been landing with ease. It was reported that Lanza was suffering from a very bad cold. Maravilla weighed 177 and Lanza 175.

In the supporting 6-rounder Dale Manz, New Plymouth, Ida., laid Willie Simmons in the horizontal position in 2:58 of the third round. Manz 156 and Simmons 155.

In another six-rounder between Glenn Burgess, 148, Meridian, Ida., decisioned Ken Willis, 155, Richmond, Calif. This was the only fight of the evening that went the full distance, and it was close all the way with Willis exploding every now and then. Burgess picked up the decision.

Gene Turley, 152, Twin Falls, Ida., handled Chuck Putney, 153, Payette, Ida., very easily and TKO'd him in 2:52 of the third.

George Westfall, 148, Twin Falls, Ida., put Willie Jackson, 153, Richmond, Calif., away in 1:54 of the third.

▶Boise, Idaho:—Matchmaker Al Berro certainly made a paramount match when he paired the two savages, Manz and Lane.

In the opening round of this ten-rounder Manz opened the left eye of Lane and the claret colored liquid started to pour. And pour it did for the rest of evening. Both fighters were literally bathed in blood—including the referee. After the cut, Lane seemed to go wild with rage and fought like a desperate demon. He was blind from his own blood and seemed to just be feeling for his opponent. From here on it took real courage for any fighter to stay in under the murderous attack. Lane appeared to be on his last legs several times, but desperation kept holding him up. Finally at 2:52 of the tenth Manz put over the coup de grace with a solid right hand, and it was over. Lane weighed 158½ and Dale Manz, the new middleweight champ, weighed 155½.

In the supporting 6-rounder, Glenn Burgess, 147, Meridian, put on a dazzling performance with Willie Simmons, 150½, Richmond, Calif. Burgess out-fought Simmons all the way and had him in serious trouble several times.

George Logan, 198, Boise, made short work of Dick Tanner, 186, Oakland. This scheduled 6-rounder only lasted up to 2:00 of the 2nd.

Gene Turley, 157, Twin Falls, Ida., ran into a snag against Boston Wilson, 160, Oakland, and was KO'ed in 1:42 of the second stanza. Max Stevens, 147, Boise, took out Joe Gilmore, 154, Oakland, in 2:50 of the first round.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By Billy Colbert

ST. PAUL AUDITORIUM: DEL FLANAGAN, ST. PAUL, 155, SCORED A NINTH round knockout over Clarence Cook, Lathrop, La., 153. The referee stopped the fight after Cook was getting a good pasting from Dancing Del. Flanagan looked very good for this fight and with a few more wins under his belt will be back challenging the best in the welterweight or middleweight division.

Don Jasper, 185, Duluth heavyweight, stopped Willie Washington, Chicago, 174, in the fourth round. Joe Schmdize, Minneapolis, 166, won a decision over Jim Sargent, Peoria, 159, in six rounds.

Xonnie Lee, River Falls, Wisc. heavyweight, 210, won by a ko over Frank Barsheim, 198, Wheaton, Minn., in three rounds.

My Sullivan, former St. Paul great middleweight, thinks Terry Lewis the big heavyweight is a good boy. My says he gets hit a little too much with a right hand but otherwise has a lot of ability and looks very impressive. Old My is a very good judge of a fighters ability.

▶Ascension Club, Minneapolis: Terry Lewis, Spokane heavyweight, 235, knocked out Jerry Bailey, Minneapolis, in the third round.

George Reiter, Minneapolis, 126, stopped Jim Harriss, Peoria, 129, in the fourth round. Roger Johnson, Duluth, 161, and Roy Well, 160, drew in a four rounder.

Frank Borsheim, Wheaton, Minn., 189, stopped Cherro Terreoux, Peoria, 190, in one round. Joey Thomas, 130, St. Paul won a decision over Bob Anderson, Minneapolis, 136, in four rounds.

Tommy Anderson the hustling boxing promoter of Minneapolis has been running weekly shows when he has the right kind of talent and twice a month showing the real good names around the northwest.

▶Minneapolis Auditorium: Terry Lewis, Minneapolis, heavyweight originally from Sioux City, scored another kayo when he stopped Gene White, big St. Paul heavyweight, in the fourth round. White was suffering a bad cut over his eye.

Lewis was away out in front at the time and it looked like a very rough nite for Gene.

Geo Reiter, Minneapolis, 125, knocked out Jackie Ferrie, Peoria, 131, in four rounds.

Al Andrews, St. Paul, 167, won a decision over Ray Wells, 163, in a six rounder. Danny Davis, Minneapolis, 138, won a decision over Bob Williams, Peoria, 137, in four rounds. Fred Moen, Minneapolis, 168, won a decision over Lonnie Brown, Peoria, 172, in four rounds.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. NOTES
By Johnny Seubert

Neal Rivers, 155, Niagara Falls, N. Y., flattened Ramon Hernandez, 154, Juarez, Mexico, in the jig-time of 2:15 of the third round. Rivers hardly worked up a sweat.

Joe Louis Murphy, 147, now of Reno, Nevado and Bobby (Babe) Ortiz, 147, Phoenix, fought to an eight round draw. Rocky Ortega, Jerome, Arizona, flattened Richy Ramirez, El Paso, in round three in a welterweight brawl.

Ted Cuellar, Albuquerque, kayoed Anthony Johnson, Albuquerque, in the second round. Both are welterweights. Florentino Olguin and Joe Limas went to a draw in a four rounder. Both bantamweights. Mario Ybarra, Juarez, decisioned Chris Saavedra, Albuquer-

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TEXAS AND THE MID-SOUTH

By Harlan Haas

THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION NOW THAT HOUSTON is truly one of the country's major fight centers. We've had that feeling for sometime now, but with the signing of Joe Brown-Ralph Dupas world's lightweight title argument we've really come of age.

The Brown-Dupas leather tossing party is slated to come off the evening of May 7th at the Coliseum, and you can lay your bottom dollar on the line that it will break all existing records at the box office.

The all-time big one for the Lone Star State was the Roy Harris-Willie Pastrano get together at the Coliseum last June. Close to 10,000 eyeballers coughed up $46,962 greenbacks for the privilege of being among the fortunate ones.

▶ **Brownsville, Texas, Ramon Ruenes, Promoter:**—Still going on a once a week basis, Ramon Ruenes keeps the boys busy in the Brownsville area. In a 10 round feature attraction, the experienced Oscar Torres, 126, decisioned willing Elias Reyes, 127, in a lively bout. Jorge Gomez, 122, hustled his way past Aurelio Reyna, 117, in the eight round semi-windup. Luis Vargas, 140, stopped Gus O'Horan, 138, after three rounds of slugging.

▶ **Dallas, Texas, Ralph Smith, Promoter:**—Ralph Smith has been around the fight game lo these many years, and Big D should come to life with him in the driver's seat. His first big one in Dallas did better than 6 G's, and everyone was happy. He featured a trio of tens, and one six. Dave Dupas, 140, New Orleans, surprised the nation by edging highly regarded Gale Kerwin, 139, of Canada, in a smashing upset. Dupas busy style of milling was a bit too much for the Canadian on this particular evening. Franz Szuzina, 159, Germany, weathered a stormy first round but came roaring back to blast the veteran John Victor Penn, 159, Houston, out of the picture in the second round. Donnie Fleeman, 170, Midlothian, packed too much heavy artillery for Ruben Hernandez, 167, Richmond, Calif., and stopped his West Coast foe in the fourth round. In the opener, Dale Davis, 150, Senath, Mo., stopped Lamoine "Babe" Vance, 150, Quinland, in the sixth round of a real thriller. Davis is one of the hottest young fighters in the country, and bears plenty of watching.

▶ **Austin, Texas, Pat O'Grady, Promoter:**—Rocky Caballero did not put his Texas middleweight title on the block, and it's lucky indeed that he did not as he would now be an ex-champ, since he dropped a 10 round decision to his hometown rival, Mel Barker. The O'Grady promotion did $5,000, and the Caballero-Barker scrap was a bruising, crowd pleasing battle. The Rock came in at 153, Barker at 155. Three other ten round contests filled the bill. Tano Serna, 128, Austin, stopped Armando Morales, 127, San Antonio, in the eighth round of a wild slugfest. Byron Steele, 149, San Antonio, stopped roly poly Lupe Albarado, 155, Austin, in the second heat. Gil Tapia, 134, San Antonio, southpawed his way to a 10 round decision over Rudy Gonzales, 130, Dallas.

▶ **Brownsville, Texas, Ramon Ruenes, Promoter:**— Gerardo Isoba, 119, looked good in winning a 10 round duke from Pedro Campos, 124, at Brownsville. Abel Pena, 116, tossed plenty of leather and stopped Nicholas Reyes, 118, in the fifth round. Roberto Trevino, 118, hammered out a six round win over Francisco Ortiz, 117.

▶ **Tyler, Texas, Earl Gilliam, Promoter:**—The big one of the evening was abbreviated but plenty of action was crowded into three punch-filled rounds. Reagan "Buddy" Turman, 185, Noonday, came from behind to stiffen Dean Bogany, 184, Houston, in the third frame, and as usual when Buddy goes to the post up that way a packed house was on hand. In the eight round semi-windup, Matt Plachy, 168, Budapest, Hungary, racked up his third successive kayo since joining the punch for pay ranks, when he starched Ennis Cheatham, 173, in the third round. The Hungarian refugee received a mighty ovation from the appreciative crowd—the freedom fighter is a most willing mixer. Tommy "Hurricane" Sims, 171, Los Angeles, needed but fifty-four seconds of round one to stop Billy Reddick, 170, Hartford. Sims wants a crack at the Texas lightheavy title. Garland Randall, 138, Tyler, edged the luckless Earl "Governor" Warren, 133, Meridian, Miss., in a four. Willie Vaughn, 128, Tyler, decisioned Jerry Forch, 124, in a four that had the crowd standing practically all the way.

▶ **Brownsville, Texas, Ramon Ruenes, Promoter:**— Miguel "Mike" Coronado, 145, looked mighty potent in crushing Felix Peyrani, 145, in the seventh round of the 10 round star attraction. Coronado is going good, and he's a battler who comes to fight. Joe Cancio, 150, made short work of Rene Herrera, 150, by disposing of his foe in the very first round. A quick payday for Joe. Que Paso, Rene Luis Vargas, 140, won his second start of the month by blistering classy Benjamin Luna, 140, in a pleasing six rounder.

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▶ **Victoria, Texas, Pat O'Grady, Promoter:**—Mi ole amigo, Joe Polanco, 143, Victoria, engaging in his first 10 rounder in Victoria emerged victorious by punching his way past Joe Louis Hargraves, 143, Austin, Joltin' Joe, the ex Marine, looked mighty sharp. Tano Serna, 130, Austin, kayoed Rolando Douglas, 132, Austin, in three. Byron Steele, 140, San Antonio, stopped Leonard Barfield, 140, Victoria, in two.

▶ **Blytheville, Arkansas, Mid-South Boxing Enterprises:**— The Mid-South Boxing Enterprises staged their second show since swinging into action back in late January at Kennett, Mo., and this time Blytheville, Arkansas was the scene of their venture. A good turnout was on hand to see clever boxing Dale Davis, 150, Senath, Mo., battle the much heavier Murrell "Fletcher" Lee, 158, Parkin, Ark., in the 10 round top event. Davis was the Mid-South welter king in 1954, while Lee had captured the same simon pure crown at Memphis in 1956. After six spine tingling rounds of fighting the bout was halted in the seventh round when Davis received a gash above the right eye. It settled one thing, Davis wants to fight welters from now on. Lee, the Pride of Parkin, is a whale of a young fighter and his next outing in Blytheville is eagerly awaited.

▶ **Brownsville, Texas, Ramon Ruenes, Promoter:**— Martin Vasquez, 128, roared down the stretch to outscore clever Oscar Torres, 123, in 10 exciting rounds. Miguel Juarez, 120, was the victor over Gustavo Carrera, 127, in a six. David Morales, 114, triumphed over Jose Verchines, 114, in another six round contest.

▶ **Midland, Texas, James L. Huff, Promoter:**— Before a fine turnout who paid $7,700 (that's right) Donnie Fleeman, 175, Midlothian, kayoed the aging but still cute Ray Augustus, 170, Topeka, Kansas, in the eighth round. Fleeman is mighty dangerous, and his powerful punching may carry him to plenty of money—he's a club fighter deluxe. Curtis Coles, 146, decisioned clever Manuel Gonzales, 144, in six. Henry Salcido, 136, iced Tommy Raven, 139, in three. Rudy Gonzales, 128, kayoed Carlos Salcido, 126, in the third. Billy Sudduth, 158, Augustus stablemate, stopped Elmo Henderson, 158, in the sixth round.

▶ **Dallas, Texas, Ralph Smith, Promoter:**—The Carmen Basilio-Sugar Ray Robinson title bout was screened in Dallas by Ralph Smith, and he staged three six round bouts to go with the closed-circuit showing. It drew a nice gate of $10,200. In one six, George Carter, 157, Ft. Worth, decisioned Jimmy Fields, 154, Houston, in a pleasing scrap. Roy Sparks, 147, Austin, stopped Jimmy Leach, 147, Daytona Beach, in the fourth round of an odd one—Leach was upright and professed to be in fine shape at the finish, but it was halted when he was getting pummeled a little. Henry Watson, 140, Dallas, tkayoed Robert "Sonny" Sehon, 135, Houston, in round two,—a busted breather was Sehon's downfall. It had been a war until then.

▶ **Houston, Texas, Texas Boxing Enterprises:**— T.B.E. completely sold out of ringside seats for the closed-circuit showing of the Basilio-Robinson championship battle that originated at Chicago Stadium. All seats on the main floor of the Coliseum faced north, and were reserved. All other seats in the house went on a first come first serve basis. The box showed a take of $17,500. A quartet of four round contests held the fans interest while they awaited the screening of the title fight. George Price, 160, Houston, hammered out a decision over Roy Copeland, 158, Troup, in a spirited scrap. Walter Moerbe, 158, El Campo, was a winner over Johnny Hopkins, 155, Cut 'n Shoot, in a close one. Campbell "Wildman" Woodman, 182, Conroe, got wild in the third and dropped Ennis Cheatham twice at which time the ref wisely intervened. Woodman thus won his second pro start. Matt Plachy, 168, Budapest, Hungary, tossed plenty of leather but his opponent was in a shell—Sherman Goodman, 175, Houston, was reluctant to mix it with the potent punching Hungarian, and in this way he managed to stick around for the full four rounds.

▶ **Memphis, Tennessee, Mid-South Boxing Enterprises:**— The Mid-South group got back into action again, this time at the Memphis Auditorium with the closed-circuit screening of the Basilio-Robinson middleweight title bout. Though they got a late start they still did a very respectable $5,500. There's every reason to believe it would have done close to $10,000 with a little earlier signing of telecast for Memphis. Two live bouts preceded the screening. Dale Davis, 146, Senath, Mo., and tough boy Curt Woolwine, 147, Beaumont, Texas, flailed away at each other on even turns in the opening frame. In the second Davis shot across a short but powerful right hand—it landed with a resounding smack flush on the exposed jaw of the Texas welter who was moving in at the time. Woolwine toppled forward, rolled over on his back, and was counted out after a short lived but wild malee. The other bout also scheduled for six rounds matched Murrell Lee, 158, Parkin, Ark., against Lupe Albarado, 154, Austin, Texas. Lee's powerful two fisted attack was simply too much for the Capitol City Latin, and he got rid of his chunky foe in the second round.

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